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August 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of June.

One copy of the regular account current is herewith returned for corrections as per pencil notations thereon. Proceeds of Surplus Bullion collection item should read $922.13 instead of $2261.97 in view of the fact that the surplus silver bullion item, $1339.84 was considered on voucher No. 820, in reimbursing the bullion fund for the net settlement wastage of gold and silver. On the reverse of the regular account the item should be omitted from the cash account and as a Treasury Deposit since the certificate of deposit covering same was cancelled. Copy of schedule of collections is also returned for correction to eliminate the item referred to.

Please forward an amended bullion settlement statement, along the lines indicated by pencil notes on the enclosed statement. It is preferred not to supply the General Accounting Office with the basis of distribution of minor wastage to the foreign coinage unless they ask for it. In this instance the M. & R. wastage was apportioned to foreign coinage on the basis of 5 oz. per 1000 oz. of ingots used, while his wastage on all bronze ingots appears to be between 5 oz. and 6 oz. per 1000 oz. It is suggested that in future the distribution basis be shown only on the carbon copy, for the Bureau's information.

Please forward an amended Foreign Metals Statement covering the Ecuadoran silver for June. Balance from May account is stated as 796,850.14 fine ounces, while the May statement showed closing balance as 594,715.14 silver, to which we had added the copper sold then May, 136,227.74 ounces, as per advice to you; there is thus a difference of 65,917.26 ounces, the source of which is not stated, nor is there any voucher to support the amount. In this connection, we are unable to reconcile

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the silver bullion balance as certified by the settlement committee, with the accounts. If the Ecuadoran closing balance of 513,940.14 ounces represents fine ounces, as stated, the settlement committee's report is short; if this item represents 720 fine silver the settlement committee's findings are in excess of the quantity carried in the accounts. It also appears that there was probabl foreign alloy metal on hand; was this certified to and considered by the settlement committee.

Information is requested for noting on voucher, as to where the unit price of 14¼¢ per lb. for copper may be verified, as noted on Vo. No. 764, payable to the minor coinage metal fund depositary account from the contingent appropriation; indicate similar information on all future similar vouchers. In this connection please note that the voucher, also other vouchers in this account, should have been made in favor of the Minor Coinage Metal Fund rather than the depositary account. Vouchering in favor of the depositary account is analogous to vouchering in favor of the Bell Coal Company's Bank Account for coal supplied by the Bell Coal Co.

Please forward Pullman ticket stubs to support charges on Vos. Nos. 798 and 808, payable to Mr. Frank Styer and Mr. F. H. Chaffin; these are required by the travel regulations.

Abstract of Agreement pertaining to Vo. No. 805, the Philip Carey Co., is herewith returned for notation on the reverse as to whether the lowest bid was accepted.

Deposit Certificate No. 5947 is herewith returned for the signature of the Acting Superintendent.

In a number of instances the names of employees as shown on the payrolls and as signed by them differ; for example, Page 5, No. 12, the signature appears as Chester N. Steever, with Chester H. Steever in the first column; same page No. 5, signed as J. Pearce King and noted as J. Pierce King in the first column; page 8, No. 19, Custave A. Reiss signs opposite Custav O. Reiss; page 7, No. 7, Francis Brown signs opposite Francis L. Brown; same page No. 22, M. Chambers signs opposite Matthew Chambers; same page No. 3, Nicolis Di Vergililic signs opposite Niccia Di Vergillic. The General Accounting Office somewhat recently called attention to the re-

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quirement that signatures agree with the names certified on the payroll as being entitled to the amounts indicated opposite such names. Please review the payroll records to insure that they will in future agree with the employee's manner of signing their names.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reid

Acting Director of Mint.

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August 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward the following information not included with your annual report: Distribution to departments of twenty-four temporary employees, as of June 30, 1928; number of melts with their fineness, made for the manufacture of foreign coin; in this connection it is noted that the total number of silver melts is stated as 1,835 of which 1,586 are domestic; commercial and certificate bars manufactured, as to number of bars, weight, and value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

From the information in your letter of August 17th reconciliation has been made of the silver bullion shown by the accounts with that shown by the settlement report. The alloy content of the foreign coin deposited in trust in May had not been figured by this office, and, in accordance with previous practice, by which the correct amount of alloy metal for alloying all the silver or gold received in trust was required to be supplied by the depositor and was taken into the foreign metal statement, the June 30th closing balance of Ecuadoran silver coinage metal was presumed to be 0.720 fine. However, it appears that some 28,000 ounces of alloy was still required as of June 30th to make the Ecuadoran metal 0.720 fine. It is believed correct in principle that all the coinage metal should be carried in the accounts and be certified in settlement.

It is noted that one of the Pullman seat charges from Washington to Philadelphia, voucher 798 or 808, is unsupported by a passenger's check. Please forward by return mail a statement for attaching to the voucher explaining its absence;

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otherwise the charge will probably be disallowed by the General Accounting Office.

Where sales of minor metal are made, past practice has been to use the unit price paid for the last previous purchase, stating the month in which the voucher appears, for verification purposes. This practice would appear to be the most equitable from the Government's viewpoint, when it is considered that the price fluctuates below as well as above the rate paid for metal on hand, and that a definite rule of procedure is desirable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, please send to the Denver Mint as soon as possible the following:

10 Obverse Quarter Dies;
5 Reverse Quarter Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Paymaster General of the Navy dated August 2nd, a copy of which was forwarded to you on August 3rd, relative to the manufacture of gold stars, the Bureau is today in receipt of a letter from the Navy Department, together with a sample of the star transmitted therewith, with the request that the Bureau be advised as early as practicable of the cost of making the dies and manufacturing the stars for the Navy Department.

The sample star and a copy of the Navy Department letter of August 16th are inclosed.

Respectfully,

N. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the New York Assay Office the following:

50 ounces of proof gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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August 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 18th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to accept the proposal of White & Brother, Inc., to purchase from you approximately 7,000 pounds of discarded and broken crucibles at $8.00 per net ton, and about 1,250 pounds of grindings, metallics and scale, all resulting from the melting of bronze, at 7¢ per pound.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith please find voucher of W.Lloyd Adams, Member of the Annual Assay Commission, for reimbursement of travel expenses, for payment in the sum of $311.87.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the sum of $1,800.00, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1928, as requested in your letter of the 20th instant.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1928.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

The Secretary's office has called for the usual annual statement required by law, showing all moneys, if any, received by your institution during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, arising from the sale of Government property or from any other source, which have not been paid into the General Treasury of the United States. Please forward such statement by return mail with full explanation of any items covered thereby.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/7/7356, 7-14-26, Philadelphia to Minneapolis, Minn.
$5,000 in cents $174.08
L/7/7349, 7-9-26, Philadelphia to Little Rock, Ark.
$3,000 in cents 107.57

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There have been forwarded to you today under separate cover blanks required by the Personnel Classification Board, to be filled out according to instructions in P. C. B. Form 16, which should be read carefully and minutely by you and the officers of your institution. The documents also include Form 15, one copy of which is to be handed to each employee.

I have sent you 400 white, 400 buff, and 1200 pink sheets.

One white, one buff, and one pink sheet must be filed with the Personnel Classification Board; one pink sheet should be retained by you; and one pink sheet is to be filed in this Bureau. It is important that in each case, one white, one buff, and three pink sheets be made up; you to keep one of the pink sheets.

Since the printed instructions are very comprehensive and clear, this Bureau deems it unnecessary to transmit more detailed instructions. I wish, however, to impress upon you the importance of reading the instructions carefully and having the blanks filled out properly in the first place, in order that justice to our Service may be done in each individual case.

A few extra copies of each Form will be inclosed in the package. As the supply of these blanks is limited, please be as careful as possible to prevent spoilage.

The Forms must be filled out, and be back in this Bureau not later than September 14th.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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August 25, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 24th, you are authorized to purchase from M. Segal & Sons, 50 dozen pairs of buckskin mittens at $9.90 per dozen pairs; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/7/7915, 7-16-28, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.
$10,000 in cents $241.20

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

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August 30, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Denver Mint the following:

15 pairs one-cent dies;
10 pairs dime dies.

Respectfully,

M. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am sending you by registered mail under separate cover photographs of Honorable Henry Herrick Bond, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. I believe you understand that we have been requested to make a medal of Mr. Bond.

Will you please deliver the photographs to Mr. Sinnock with the request that a wax model be prepared, and when it becomes possible for him to bring the model to Washington, Mr. Bond will be requested to give Mr. Sinnock an opportunity to work on the model from life.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

We have sent you today under separate cover by registered mail 25 ounces of standard silver scrap, 900 fine.

In exchange, please send to this Bureau the equivalent of 22.50 ounces of proof silver, strip form.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Apparently one or more deliveries of foreign coin during the month of August, 1928, were not reported on Cashier's Daily Statement, since the monthly totals of amounts reported daily are short of the monthly statement in the following amounts:

2 Sucre pieces - - - - - - - - - - -	100,000
1 " " - - - - - - - - - - -	85,000
50 Centavos pieces - - - - - - - - -	420,000

Please advise of dates on which these amounts were delivered.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.
" U. S. Mint, San Francisco.
" U. S. Mint, Denver.
" U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Gentlemen:

Please take steps for payment, so far as possible, sometime during the month of September, of all unliquidated obligations against the 1928 appropriations. The General Accounting Office has brought to attention the requirement that unexpended balances be covered into the Treasury not later that September 30th, following the close of each fiscal year. In this connection see page 26 of the Mint Service Regulations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries & Wages, Mint Service, Major Institutions - Symbol #29506	$ 45,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint Service, Major Institutions - Symbol #29507	5,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Phila., 1928	250.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 22.57 troy ounces of proof silver forwarded with your letter of September 4th.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your annual report of Assay Department operations during the fiscal year 1928 carries two items of assays, of uncurrent gold coin, 168 samples, and uncurrent silver coin, 180 samples. As these items have not appeared heretofore, and the other coinage mints receive uncurrent coin, information is requested as to whether the items have heretofore been reported under some other head, or whether they constitute newly undertaken work. If the latter is the case, please advise as to necessity therefor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of this date, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Alloys & Products, Inc., covering 6,000 pounds of copper at 16-3/4¢ per pound; this being the lower of two bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint the following:

10 Obverse One Centavo Salvador Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 6th, you are authorized to purchase from Lit Brothers an 8-gallon water cooler, white porcelain lined, for the sum of $12.00; this being the only bid received of six asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 12, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/6/3173, 8-1-26, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky. $10,000 in nickels	$ 88.82
L/8/3172, 7-3-26, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo. $5,000 in cents	139.56
L/8/3171, 8-2-26, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill. $25,000 in cents	654.66

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 12, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of July.

The Bureau apparently did not receive form 550-A advising of Treasury deposit, Certificate No. 5807 - July 5, 1928, $26.00. Please forward a copy of same.

The schedule of collections should not carry data concerning redeposits into the Treasury of unused appropriation advances; these are not collections. The items have been lined out of the July schedules.

Please forward copy of receipt to support collection of phone commission, $4.31.

Appropriation symbol numbers, as well as names, should be placed with column headings on Schedule of Disbursements.

Vo. No. 5 - Ramsey Electric Company, $28.11, is accompanied by dealers bill indicating delivery of sixteen No. Parabola Shades 6?7, Hubbell No. 5554 instead of 24 as ordered and paid for. Also, according to the dealers bill a discount of 5% is offered on item No. 3 thereon instead of 2% as taken, making the available discount 5% more than taken.

Receipt for bullion and deposit certificate No. 697, paid in August, are being retained for filing with your August accounts.

Bullion deposit No. 617, Johnson & Holloway, was of white gold, per notation on assay report, but no extra charge was made therefor; apparent short charge $1.00.

Early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1926.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Bureau's circular letter of July 9, 1926, concerning symbols to be used in connection with appropriation and collection account items.

Please make corrections, changing the symbol for Sales of Government Property to 5000 instead of 5100; however, the subitems thereunder retain their numbers in the 5100 series, as given July 9, 1926.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise the Bureau of such correction as should be made to reconcile the following discrepancy as of December 31, 1927:

Cash on hand -	
Per Cashier's Daily Statement -	
Coin, miscellaneous - - - -	$253,791,648.00
Paper currency - - - - - - -	1,894,500.00
Unclassified counter cash -	1,644.87
Per Bullion Account Current -	
Assay coins - - - - - - - -	53,669.20
	255,751,262.07
Total cash - - - - - - - - - -	255,750,262.07
Difference - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,000.00

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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P. S. - Please indicate which cash item on the Cashier's daily statement should be changed.

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September 15, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 6th, you are authorized to purchase from the Chicago Flexible Shaft Company, one 3-burner gas melting furnace, jewelers' type, with banded swinging top and a brass capacity of 36 pounds, at a cost of $130.00; this being the lower of two bids received of four bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Denver Mint the following:

12 Five-Cent Nickel Collars for the large presses.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, the following:

Five ounces of proof gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania RR Co., 68¢, freight charges on cocoa mats, Brooklyn to Philadelphia, June 26, 1928, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 18, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Kindly expedite reply to Bureau letters of Sept. 6th and 13th, concerning assaying of uncurrent coin, and apparent discrepancy of $1,000 in the cash as reported on Cashier's daily of Dec. 31, 1927. The information is needed in connection with preparation of the Director's annual report.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

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September 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

I/8/8829, 8-21-28, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill. $25,000 in cents	$654.65
I/8/8621, 7-21-28, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo. $5,000 in cents.	139.50
I/8/8518, 7-7-28, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo. $5,000 in cents.	139.50
I/8/8519, 8-4-28, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo. 5,000 in cents	139.56

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1936.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Ten Padre Half Dollar Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter received today from the Post Office Department which is self-explanatory. The letter indicates that the Postmaster at Philadelphia will accept mailings in quantities less than 250 identical pieces, under a permit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The explanation in your letter of September 19th that the Cashier's daily report of unclassified counter cash for the period December 7 - 31, 1927, should be corrected by the deduction of $1,000 on each day, is noted. Reference to the Cashier's Daily Statements for that period shows that on December 14th the amount of the report "Unclassified Counter Cash" was less than $1,000, and that this was also the case for seven additional days prior to December 31st, the lowest amount reported under this item being $448.48 on December 17th; therefore it seems conclusive that some other item must have been affected. The amount of the item of unclassified counter cash is presumed to be determined by actual count; if it is determined by some other method, explanation of such method is requested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 22nd, and for the reason stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from Miller, Bain, Beyer & Company, 10,000 yards (approximately) of 36" muslin for use in making coin bags, at a cost of $0.1074 per yard; this being the lowest of seven bids received from four different firms.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of August.

On the regular account current the total of the "Total" column has been corrected as regards the cents to read $---.39 instead of $---.37.

Vo. No. 66, Vesuvius Crucible Co., $2791.80 is herewith returned for the company's certification on the bill.

Vo. No. 104 - Fairmont Supply and Equipment Co., $21.66, is herewith returned for signature of the Superintendent in the approval certificate.

Schedule of Disbursements is herewith returned for correction with regard to amount of Vo. No. 28, "Employees Payroll" $49,662.64; the payroll shows amount paid employees as $49,712.64, as claimed on the account current.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 26, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/8/9066, 8-18-28, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich. $10,000 in cents	$241.20
L/8/9064, 8-18-28, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky. $10,000 in nickels	88.82
L/8/9070, 7-30-28, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich. $10,000 in cents	241.20
L/8/9069, 8-15-28, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio $5,000 in cents	99.90

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 29, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In regard to your contract with Alloys & Products, Inc., Henry Hecht, President, for 6,000 # phosphor-copper, shotted, and assigned contract number T2m-77, wish to say, that according to our contract book, contract to U. S. Smelting Works for 5200# of pig tin, dated 8-6-28 was assigned No. T2m-77. According to our records this contract for phosphor-copper should be assigned No. T2m-79. Please advise if this is correct.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of Lobs and Sanders to purchase sweeps at the following terms:

Superintendent's sweeps - - -	$2,570.00
Coiner's sweeps - - - - - -	4,557.00
Melter & Refiner's sweeps - -	4,594.00;

these bids being the higher of two bids received of five bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$50,000.
Contingent Expenses	10,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania RR Co., $1.38, freight charges on soap, St. Louis to Philadelphia, 6/22/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 3rd, and confirming telephone communication of this date, you are authorized to purchase for your minor coinage, 300,000 pounds of best grade electrolytic copper, from Guggenheim Brothers at $0.15345 per pound; this being the lowest of three bids received of four asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 4, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing for your information and guidance a copy of a memorandum received today from the Office of Assistant Secretary Bond relative to the photographing of the Edison medal.

It may be that it can be arranged to have the photographs taken in Washington when the models reach here, but if that is done, you will be notified.

In any case, do not permit photographs of the design or a description of the same to be issued from the Mint or by Mr. Sinnock until you have been definitely advised by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of October 4th, please forward to the Denver Mint the following:

Five Obverse One-Cent Dies;
Ten Reverse One-Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of October 4th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of John R. Rowand to supply 3,000 pounds (approximately) of granulated pine charcoal at $0.03-3/4 per pound, and approximately 2,000 pounds of pulverized pine charcoal at $0.045 per pound.

It is understood that three bids were asked and only two received, and that on the first item (granulated pine charcoal) Mr. Rowand is the lower of two bidders.

It is also understood that the bid of Thomas Brothers (4¢ per pound) on the second item (pulverized pine charcoal), although lower than Mr. Rowand's bid, is not the more advantageous to the Government for the reasons stated in your letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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COPY

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Commission advises you that it has established a central finger print section in its office at Washington, D. C., where it is intended to segregate the finger prints of all persons appointed to the classified service after search has been made locally and at the Department of Justice in Washington.

As you probably are aware, at the present time the finger prints of eligibles at the following cities are being taken and searched: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, and Milwaukee.

It is proposed gradually to extend the practice of taking the prints of appointees to all places at which classified persons are employed. This work in the field will be done by the local secretaries of the Commission at the place of appointment.

The Commission requests that you cooperate with it by having all appointees to your department at the places to which the system is extended, report to the Commission's local secretary, when requested, for finger printing.

You will be informed from time to time of the cities, in addition to those named above, to which the system is extended.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John T. Doyle
Secretary.

Treasury Department, Division of Appointments, October 4, 1928.

Respectfully referred to the Director of the Mint with the request that the matter referred to by the Civil Service Commission in the above letter be brought to the attention of field officers in your service.

By direction of the Secretary:
(Signed) H. W. Stutler
Acting Chief, Division of Appointments.

Bureau of the Mint, October 5, 1928.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, Philadelphia Mint, for appropriate action, and for compliance with the above instructions.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of October 5th, you are authorized to make the following purchases for your minor coinage:

6,000 pounds of zinc, slab, highest grade, from the New Jersey Zinc Sales Company, Incorporated, at 8¢ per pound, less 1/2 of 1% for payment in ten days; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

1,000 pounds of Straits tin, from U. S. Smelting Works, at $0.5030 per pound net; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 8, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has today approved the design of the Edison medal executed by Mr. John R. Sinnock, and this letter will be authority for you to proceed with the striking of the medal from the designs submitted by Mr. Sinnock for the purpose.

As you are aware, the Bill provided for but one medal, in gold.

A special fund is in the custody of the Treasury Department to cover the cost of the design, manufacture of the die, and the gold contained in the medal. You will be further instructed as to rendering your account for the cost of manufacturing the die and for the gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Twenty Pairs One-Cent Dies;
Ten Pairs Quarter-Dollar Dies;
Ten Pairs Dime Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 10, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 9th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to contract with Mr. P. F. Campbell to put a new semi-steel bottom in the Chilian Mill used in your sweep cellar at a cost of $298.00; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 10, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 9th, you are authorized to purchase from M. Segal and Sons, 15 dozen pairs of heavy buckskin gloves at $10.00 per dozen pairs; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

It is understood that after these gloves are worn out, they will be burned up in order to recover whatever precious metals may be adhering to them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 10, 1928.

Superintendent,
U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sr:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/9/9381, 8-14-28, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo. $5,000 in cents	$139.58
L/9/9382, 8-25-28, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo. $5,000 in cents	139.58
L/9/9383, 8-15-28, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn. $3,000 in cents	96.19

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 12, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of October 3rd and October 10th, this letter will be authority for you to enter into a formal contract with Chalfant and Scott to supply your Mint during the fiscal year 1929 with approximately 1350 gross tons of bituminous coal at a cost of $5.79 per gross ton. It is understood that this price is the next to the lowest bid of six received, and that there is an adequate reason for withholding the award from the lowest bidder, namely, Bell Coal Company, Philadelphia, whose bid was $5.58 per gross ton.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 13, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please refer to your requisition for stationery, including the item "#720 New Type Visible Pockets for 4" X 6" Cards (Shaw & Walker Cabinet 60".

As these card pockets do not appear on the General Schedule of Supplies for the current fiscal year, you are authorized to obtain proposals for the same, forwarding the bids to this office for transmission to the Division of Supply. The pockets will be purchased for you by that Division. In the event that other than the lower bid is recommended by you for award, it will be necessary to give detailed reason for such action.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 16th, you are authorized to purchase from Cope and Bevan approximately 6,000 feet of white pine lumber at $69.00 per thousand; this being the lowest of four bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your reports of appropriation transactions for July, August, and September indicate encumbrances set up against the salaries appropriation for the fiscal year 1929 as $154,368.85, while the pay rolls for the same months carry payments totaling $154,427.06, giving a shortage of encumbrances set up of $58.21. The appropriation transaction statements indicate, in each instance, that the amounts actually paid liquidated encumbrances of the same amounts as paid. Please advise as to the proper corrections to be made, of the items "encumbrances liquidated", in order to bring the statements into accord with the facts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 17, 1928.

Superintendent
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/9/9647, 8-30-28, Philadelphia to Nashville, Tenn.	
$1,000 in cents	$27.96
L/9/9650, 9-6-28, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo.	
$5,000 in cents	139.58
L/9/9653, 9-4-28, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-4

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

Oct. 18, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Information from the Bureau of Supply is that their stock of payroll forms #1013a is exhausted and that they will forward you the balance of your order of 250 as soon as received from the printing office - probably in about 10 days. This is in reply to your letter of yesterday.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing correspondence received today through the Secretary of the Treasury from the Department of State.

With the return of this correspondence, unmarked, will you please advise this Bureau the rates which should be charged for this Nicaraguan coinage, and the amount of metal required.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telephone communication of this date, authorizing you to accept the following offers of silver for subsidiary coinage at the rates indicated:

From the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, 211,000 ounces, as follows:

65,000	ounces	at	$0.5856
56,000	"	"	0.5839
50,000	"	"	0.5842
40,000	"	"	0.5849

From the American Metal Company, Ltd., 450,000 ounces, as follows:

150,000	ounces	at	$0.5842
150,000	"	"	0.5845
150,000	"	"	0.5850

From the Cerro de Pasco Corporation, 100,000 ounces, as follows:

100,000 ounces at $0.5849

From the American Smelting and Refining Company, 200,000 ounces, as follows:

200,000 ounces at $0.58475

The above makes a total of 961,000 ounces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 20, 1926.

Sir:

I am inclosing a circular letter, dated October 16, 1926, from the Chief Clerk, and two copies of the Personnel Classification Board schedule referred to therein, both of which are self-explanatory.

Please have this schedule filled out, and return one copy thereof to this Bureau at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 20, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of yesterday with regard to the order for pipes in the room proposed for the generator sets, I took the matter up this morning with the Supervising Architect's Office, and Mr. Thompson, who has charge of this, advised me that Mr. Furlong was very busy and could not get to Philadelphia for some time.

Meanwhile, please get bids on installing bronze pipes to replace leaks, and if you think the location of the pipes can be changed, have that done.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find vouchers of DeLanoy, Kipp & Swan, Inc., in the sums of 58¢ and $4.83 respectively, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the months of July and August. The rate, $0.0386 per $1,000, is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of vouchers from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R.A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/9/9963, 9-18-28, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill. $25,000 in cents	$654.65
L/9/9962, 9-1-28, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky. $2,000 in cents	51.08

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 25, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 24th, you are authorized to purchase two chilled, cast iron rolls, for use in your large rolling mills, at a cost of $150.00 each, from the Mesta Machine Company of Pittsburgh; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 25, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 24th, you are authorized to purchase from M. Segal & Sons, 50 dozen pairs of reversible buckskin mittens, heavy leather, at $10.50 per dozen pairs; this being the lowest of three bids received.

It is understood that these mittens will be burned up, when they are worn out, in order to recover therefrom any precious metals which may be adhering to them.

Respectfully,

W. W. Marsh

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 26, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please refer to our letter of October 13th regarding the item "#720 New Type Visible Pockets for 4" x 6" Cards, (Shaw & Walker Cabinet 60"), on your requisition for stationery.

The balance of the items on the requisition are being withheld pending receipt of the information asked for.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 26, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Delaney, Kipp & Swan, Inc., in the sum of $4.75, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of September. The rate, $0.0366 per $1,000, is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of vouchers from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

B-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 29, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Superintendent of the Denver Mint the following:

12 One-cent Collars for small presses.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 31, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/9/10300, 9-19-28, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.	
$10,000 in cents	$241.20
L/9/10301, 9-18-28, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.	
$10,000 in cents	241.20
L/9/10304, 9-22-28, Philadelphia to Nashville, Tenn.	
$1,000 in cents	27.96
L/9/10305, 9-22-28, Philadelphia to Birmingham, Ala.	
$2,000 in cents	57.29
L/9/10306, 9-21-28, Philadelphia to New Orleans, La.	
$25,000 in nickels	305.35

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 31, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of September.

Vo. No. 141, Maddock & Co., $33.20, includes payment for a draft indicator for measuring flue drafts, 0 to 3", $26.00; apparently no size was indicated in your specifications and the bidder noted on his proposal three sizes at varying prices, the largest and most expensive indicator being accepted by the mint, without any explanation as to why the less expensive ones would not have met the needs of the institution. It is requested that a pertinent explanation be forwarded for attaching to the voucher.

Please forward duplicate copy of Vo. No. 156 - Frankford Arsenal; such vouchers, covering payments between Government agencies, should always be rendered in duplicate.

A $3.00 melting charge, instead of $2.00 should have been imposed on deposit No. 1441, inasmuch as the deposit consisted of 161.10 ozs. white gold.

Please forward September foreign metals statement accounting for the August 31st balance of gold on hand for the Government of Costa Rica, with supporting vouchers if same was disposed of in September.

Philadelphia 2.

On the schedule of collections the item of $41.25 unused balance of the 1928 contingent appropriation repaid into the Treasury has been lined out as it is not a collection.

Abstract of agreement pertaining to the sale of old material is enclosed for signature in the certificate, and return. Two features of this sale may elicit comment by the General Accounting Office: that more favorable quotations might possibly have been received if they had been invited on the 18,000 lbs. available and sold instead of on only 7,000 lbs., and that only 3 bids were solicited although two of them declined to quote.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. H.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 31, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will find below a quotation from a letter addressed to me by the Superintendent of the Denver Mint:

"The new rolling mill has already been installed by Mr. White and is now in regular operation, giving very good results. Mr. White advises me that this roll is a fine piece of machine work and we wish to express our appreciation to the Machinery Department of the Philadelphia Mint for the evident care and thoroughness in the construction of this roll. Mr. White added some features to adapt this roll to the details of our service and both Mr. White and Mr. Wells are very much pleased with the results of operation. The new roll has been a great help to Mr. Wells in the rolling room and he is very appreciative in having this modern unit.

I assume that construction is proceeding on the second roll ordered through you and we would very much appreciate having this second new rolling mill shipped to us as early as possible as the other rolling units which we are now using have seen many years service and we find it necessary to make frequent repairs in order to keep the old mills in condition for proper work.

Thanking you for your cooperation in these matters,".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your report on form 61-A carries $147.49 as the value of domestic coin purchases during the quarter ended September 30, 1928. according to the accounts current the value of mutilated and uncurrent coin received as metal during the quarter in question was $379.85 which includes $374.31 the amount paid therefor plus the surplus value $5.52. Please advise the Bureau of such corrections as should be made on form 61-A.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

November 2, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.
" U. S. " San Francisco.
" U. S. " Denver.
" U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Gentlemen:

As a result of correspondence with the General Accounting Office, agreement has been reached that in future the certification of verification of cash, provided for on reverse of the regular account current form, will be waived as regards the above named offices. In order that the auditing clerks who examine the accounts may be on notice of this fact, thus avoiding "advisories" asking for such certifications of count, you will note in the space provided for such certification the words "Cash and bullion verified annually". Rubber stamps are being ordered for this purpose and will be forwarded as soon as received.

In lieu of the monthly certifications the General Accounting Office is to be furnished a copy of the findings of each Settlement Committee, in so far as their findings constitute verification of the cash and bullion on hand. Forms are being printed for annual settlement purposes in order that the information furnished the General Accounting Office may be readily checked with the accounts and be uniform in arrangement; instructions will be given later concerning their use.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$60,000.00
Contingent Expenses	10,000.00
Transportation of bullion, etc.	200.00

Letter has this day been addressed to the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants, Treasury Department, requesting that an advance of $2,500.00, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1929, be placed to your credit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith please find bond, in triplicate, pertaining to contract T2m-82 with Chalfant & Scott for furnishing your institution with coal during the present fiscal year. Also enclosed please find letter of the Solicitor of the Treasury, dated November 1, 1928, calling attention to the necessity for amending the body of the bond (second and third lines), also as to execution and affixing of seals, as per the Solicitor's suggestions.

Prompt return of all enclosures is requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encls.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter dated September 20, 1928, written by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of State; said letter is self-explanatory.

I am also inclosing a copy of an inclosure received on September 19, 1928 from the Department of State, in which it is stated by the Minister of Panama " * * that the samples, after comparing them with the instructions which were given to him * * are altogether in accordance with such instructions".

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the preparation of the dies and the manufacture of these coins at the earliest practicable date.

A letter has been sent today to the Department of State for transmission to the Minister of Panama to the effect that work on the dies will be hastened as much as possible, and that it is hoped that this coinage can be executed before the close of the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Denver Mint the following:

10 Obverse Nickel Dies;

5 Reverse Nickel Dies;

15 Pairs One-Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of November 3, 1928, with enclosures relative to your September accounts has been received. Abstract of agreement pertaining to sale of old material is again returned for signature in the certificate, reverse thereof, and return.

Please also forward receipts for the delivery of the 25,000 Two Colone pieces to the Government of Costa Rica, shipped September 4.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 6, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of John R. Rowand to supply your Mint with approximately 5,000 pounds of granulated pine charcoal at the rate of $0.03¾ per pound. It is understood that three bids were asked for and but one received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bill of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

L/10/10596 9/27/28 Phila to Chicago $25,000 in cents $654.65

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

Nov. 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is requested that a statement showing the official necessity for taxis in lieu of street cars be forwarded to the Bureau for attaching to Vo. No. 170 of your September accounts, to support taxi charges claimed thereon June 24, "Taxi in Washington station to Treasury Department, 65¢" and "Taxi to station in Washington" June 25, 65¢, in view of the suspensions noted in Settlement No. K34902-T, dated October 29, 1928, of your June regular account regarding, in part, matters similar to above. The voucher numbered above is in payment of travel expenses incurred by Mr. F.H.Chaffin in pursuant to authority to proceed to Washington, D.C. on business connected with the reclassification of the field employees.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of November 8, regarding items suspended by the General Accounting Office on travel vouchers of yourself and Mr. Chaffin has been received. It is suggested that the reply to the General Accounting Office, through this Bureau, contain an itemized list in each instance of the actual and necessary expenses incurred, and that if there is then a difference due the Government from the amount in each case paid the claimant, such amount be deposited to the credit of the appropriation involved, in the usual manner. If there is such a refund the necessary facts relative to the certificate of deposit should appear in the explanation. Statements explaining the taxi items should also show in the reply.

It is noted that you mention Settlement No. 7-59905-T, whereas these differences are noted originally on Settlement No. K-34902-T, the latter being for your regular account for the month of June, the month during which these vouchers were paid.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 10, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the following coinage for the Government of Nicaragua at your earliest convenience:

750,000 - 10 centavo silver pieces at $4.50 per M pieces; the silver therein to be 800 fine.

The foregoing is in accordance with your letter to us of October 20, 1928, and our letter of October 22, 1928, to the Department of State; the letter being signed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 13, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 12th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from George D. Feldt & Company, 3 barrels (approximately 1500 pounds) of bone ash, high grade, for making cupels, at 8¢ per pound, less 2% for payment in ten days.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 14, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/10/10835, 9-29-28, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$5,000 in cents	$99.90
L/10/10975, 10-4-28, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65
L/10/10976, 10-5-28, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn.	
$10,000 in nickels	109.91
L/10/10977, 9-25-28, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn.	
$10,000 in nickels	109.91
L/10/10978, 9-19-28, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn.	
$3,000 in cents)	
$10,000 in nickels)	206.10

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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November 14, 1926.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

The Secretary of the Treasury has recently received from the Comptroller General of the United States information obtained by General Accounting Office inspectors concerning business practices at field institutions under the Treasury Department that do not conform with directions issued from time to time. Request was made that the Comptroller General be advised of any action taken by the Secretary in connection with the matters referred to.

The Secretary has requested from this office report concerning the items specifically mentioned as having been observed in Mint Field Service institutions.

The unsatisfactory practices mentioned by the Comptroller General are given below for your information, and such items as were mentioned as pertaining specifically to your office, have been indicated by check marks in the margin of this letter:

In some field offices the inspectors found that employees were paid prior to verification or certification of the pay roll by the proper administrative officer. The Comptroller General states that this practice should be discontinued, and that payments should be made only on vouchers, whether pay rolls or for supplies, that have been duly completed and certified.

The inspectors also found that in some cases check numbers were reserved (presumably for later issue under a prior date); other checks were partially executed, signed, and held for later completion, and in other cases checks were signed in blank, for use in the absence of the signer. These practices were all criticised as being improper, with the statement that no checks should be wholly or partly executed until the vouchers upon which they are based are in complete form and properly approved; also that the checks should be drawn and dated in strict sequence. Each check stub (or duplicate check form) should show the disposition of the check, even when cancelled or disposed of otherwise than regularly.

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The statement was also made that although a disbursing officer may also be the approving official, each voucher should be formally approved and complete in every particular prior to payment.

It was found that the old form of travel expense voucher, Treasury stock form No. 2148 is still being used. If any of these old forms are still on hand, please destroy them and use in future only the Standard form of travel expense voucher, No. 1012.

In one office it was found that no entry had been made in the Register of Payrolls and Payvouchers, nor in Register of Purchase Orders, for a number of years; the statement is made that even though the business of an office may be very light, nevertheless current entries should be made in the records.

It was also found that unused checks were on hand, on some of which the symbol numbers had been twice changed, which double change is contrary to paragraph 3 (b) of Treasury circular No. 8 of January 20, 1926. These checks should be returned to the Treasury Department, as required by the said circular.

In another office it was found that the officer in charge destroyed Treasury statements of paid checks as soon as he had achieved a balance. These statements should be kept as part of the records of the office.

If check marks on this letter indicate that any of the items pertain to your office, please take steps to correct the condition, and advise this office to that effect. Also please advise the Bureau whether any of the other practices mentioned herein as unsatisfactory have been in effect in your office; and if so, that they have been discontinued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 15, 1928.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

It frequently happens that the General Accounting Office issues certificates of settlement of Mint Service accounts, carrying forward from prior settlements items of difference, in the language as originally used, for which explanations have been made weeks before. The Bureau has on a number of occasions received communications from Mint Service field offices repeating explanations previously made. The accounting office procedure is confusing to the officer whose account has been certified, and the matter was taken up with that office some time ago by this Bureau; however, the practice continues to the present time. It is therefore requested that when items of this character appear on your certificates of settlement, no further attention be paid them, as it is probable that they will be dropped in a subsequent settlement by the General Accounting Office. However, if the objections to the continued items differ from those originally made, steps should be taken to satisfy the newly stated objections.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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November 16, 1926.

Mr. John R. Sinnock,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Sinnock:

I have your letter of November 15th, also sketches of a medal for Mr. Bond, and reverse of the Assay Commission medal for next year.

I have turned the sketches of the Bond medal over to Mr. Bond, and you will doubtless hear from him in a few days.

I am returning herewith, approved, the reverse of the Assay Commission medal.

I have also received today a self-explanatory letter from the Commission of Fine Arts, a copy of which you will find inclosed. As I told you on the telephone yesterday, you can use your own judgment as to what to do.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 15th, you are authorized to purchase from Niagara Falls Smelting & Refining Company, 12,000 pounds of phosphor-copper, for use in your minor coinage, at $0.1819 per pound, less 1/2 of 1% for payment in ten days; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 14th, you are authorized to purchase from Nathan Trotter & Company, 5,500 pounds of highest slab zinc, for your minor coinage, at 7-3/4¢ per pound, net; this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 15th, you are authorized to purchase from Nathan Trotter & Company, 2,500 pounds of Straits tin, for your minor coinage, at $0.56-7/8 per pound net; this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the inclosed copy of a letter of November 16th from the Department of the Interior, and confirming our telephone conversation, it is suggested that you make your figures on the stamping of the insignia, and not on the numbering.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 19th, and postscript thereto, you are authorized to purchase from Guggenheim Brothers, for use in your minor coinage, 200,000 pounds of ingot copper (small ingots) at $0.1611 per pound; this being the lower of two bids received of four bids asked.

Respectfully,

B. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of November 19th, you are authorized to accept the following proposals to purchase your old scrap material:

Approximately 1,500 pounds of scrap brass, bid of $10.26 per 100 pounds from R. E. Cliggett's Sons; this being the highest of three bids received.

Approximately 1,000 pounds of scrap bronze, bid of $12.76 per 100 pounds from R. E. Cliggett's Sons; this being the highest of three bids received.

Approximately 20,000 pounds of scrap iron and steel, bid of $0.47 per 100 pounds from Barney Davis; this being the highest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/10/11116, 9-26-28, Philadelphia to Cincinnati, Ohio $5,000 in cents	$115.45
L/10/11119, 10-10-28, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich. $10,000 in cents) $20,000 in nickels)	409.96
L/10/11120, 10-2-28, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich. $20,000 in nickels	168.76
L/10/11262, 10-15-28, Philadelphia to Charlotte, N. C. $5,000 in cents	103.35

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York, N. Y., the following:

50 ounces proof gold;
50 ounces proof silver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1928.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

Please forward as early in December as practicable the usual statement on form 61 of gold and silver receipts during the eleven months of the year, plus estimated receipts during December. Ounces only are required, not values. The estimate for December may be combined with the other figures, or separately stated, as you prefer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Voucher payable to the Estate of Albert S. Bullock, deceased, former employee at your institution, for wages in the amount of $92.34, for the period October 1-25, received with your letter of November 21, for transmittal to the General Accounting Office for settlement, is herewith returned for the certification of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. T.

P.S. The papers attached to the voucher are being retained in the Bureau pending the return of the above.

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November 23, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find collection ticket of the American Railway Express Company for $4.78, charges on transportation of assay balance from Denver to Philadelphia in September, last, which was forwarded with your letter of November 22nd.

Please advise the express company to submit to this office the usual Government voucher form with their claim stated thereon. Also please supply them with explanation of absence of Government Bill of Lading, as per your letter of November 22nd, which they will attach to the voucher form. Please include in your statement, if such is the fact, that the assay balance was manufactured by Wm. Ainsworth & Sons, Inc. The voucher should take the usual procedure of being audited prior to payment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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November 23, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of DeLancy, Kipp & Swan, Inc., in the sum of $4.05, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of October. The rate, $0.0386 per $1,000, is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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November 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 23rd., you are authorized to purchase from M. Segal & Sons, 25 dozen pairs of heavy buckskin gloves at $10.00 per dozen pairs; this being the lowest of three bids received.

It is understood that when these gloves are worn out, they will be burned up in order to recover any precious metals which may be adhering to them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1920.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Navy Department requests prices on the following:

5,000 basic expert badges;
2,500 basic sharpshooter badges;
7,500 basic marksman badges;
5,000 rifle bars;
3,500 pistol bars.

Please furnish this Bureau with the above information at your early convenience.

The Navy Department claims that you know what material these badges and bars are made of.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint, for immediate use, the following:

Nickel	Collars,	Large,	12;
"	"	Small,	6;
Bronze	"	Large,	12;
"	"	Small,	12.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This office has not as yet received your answer to Bureau's letter of November 14, 1928, concerning certain unsatisfactory business practices at Treasury field service institutions, as reported by General Accounting Office inspectors. Will you please expedite reply to the above mentioned letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

December 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the current fiscal year.

Salaries and Wages	$48,000.
Contingent Expenses	10,000.

It is noted from your letter of December 1st, that your approximate salaries and wages accruals for July to December, inc. total $316,990.97 since $270,000 have heretofore been advanced to you, your approximate needs at this time, to cover December payrolls, are $47,000 instead of the requested $55,000. A sufficient portion (about $17,600) of the $21,548.40 reimbursed to the appropriation on account of services for others is being assigned for your use to keep your net disbursements for regular mint operations on domestic account within the amounts apportioned.

Letter has this day been addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants requesting that an advance of $2,500, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1929, be placed to your checking credit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. T.

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December 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of October.

It is requested that a statement showing the actual and necessary subsistence expenses incurred by Mr. Sinnock on September 27th be forwarded to the Bureau for attaching to Vo. No. 171. The travel regulations do not permit reimbursement on a per diem in lieu of actual expense basis when the absence is of less than twenty-four hours duration. If actual expense was less than amount reimbursed kindly deposit the difference in the usual manner to credit of appropriation involved.

Last five pages of the Schedule of Disbursements are herewith returned as per your request of November 5th, for correction as per pencil notations thereon.

Please forward invoice or other voucher to support the item of Scovill Nickel blanks received for the Government of Ecuador.

Surplus papers pertaining to sweeps sale are herewith returned for your files.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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December 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/10/11592, 10-8-28, Philadelphia to Richmond, Va.	
$10,000 in cents	$148.05
L/10/11745, 9-25-28, Philadelphia to New Orleans, La.	
$5,000 in cents	179.25
L/10/11746, 10-12-28, Philadelphia to New Orleans, La.	
$25,000 in nickels	305.35
L/[illegible]/11879, 10-10-28, Philadelphia to Nashville, Tenn.	
$1,000 in cents	27.96
L/10/11593, 10-13-28, Philadelphia to Birmingham, Ala.	
$2,000 in cents	57.29
L/10/11433, 10-16-28, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Clifford Hewitt who is returning to China to complete the Shanghai Mint. The following is an excerpt therefrom:

"It is the intention of the Chinese Government to have the Master Hubs made in the Philadelphia Mint, at my suggestion, to insure the proper working relief of the coinage dies. Please write as to the approximate cost following Master Hubs, Dollar, Fifty Cents, Twenty-five, Ten and One Cent. Coins to be of the same diameter as U. S. coins, also what would be the cost working dies per set obverse and reverse of each denomination, should the Chinese Government decide having them made through your Bureau they will have an idea of approximate costs.
The above information is of great importance to me for reasons that the Director of the Shanghai Mint cabled me saying some German sculpor wanted to make the Master Hubs and the working dies to be made in Germany. Immediately I cabled the Chinese Government under no conditions would I put their Mint in operation unless the Master Hub was made in the Philadelphia Mint with their official tests and approval.
Of course you understand when the order is placed for this work it will be a matter of State and will come through the State Department to your office. The Chinese Government cabled me get costs of Hubs and working Dies before I returned to China, but as my time was too short and I found I could not make the trip back to Washington, I have taken this method to obtain this information."

Will you please supply the information requested by Mr. Hewitt, and I shall appreciate your courtesy in expediting your reply.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Bureau is advised by the Department of State that the Government of Venezuela has accepted the terms quoted covering the coinage by your Mint of 10,000,000 Bolivars in silver coins and 200,000 Bolivars in nickel coins. The terms given by us to the Department of State are in accordance with your letter of July 21, 1928.

It is understood that the quantities, denominations and costs of this proposed coinage are as follows:

Quantity	Denomination	Price per M
800,000 - - - - -	5 Bolivar (Silver)	$10.00
1,500,000 - - - - -	2 " "	6.50
2,500,000 - - - - -	1 " "	4.50
400,000 - - - - -	1/2 " "	3.25
1,200,000 - - - - -	1/4 " "	3.00
800,000 - - - - -	12½ Centimos (Nickel)	2.75
2,000,000 - - - - -	5 " "	2.00

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with this coinage as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1923.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint, for use in the Assay Department there:

Fifty Ounces of Proof Gold;
Fifty Ounces of Proof Silver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send the following dies to the San Francisco Mint and to the Denver Mint for the calendar year 1929 (the same to each Mint):

Quarters - - - - -	5	Obverse;	5	Reverse;
Dimes - - - - -	-10	"	5	"
Nickels - - - - -	-10	"	5	"
One Cent - - - -	20	"	20	"

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 13, 1928.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to circular letter of the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department dated December 5, 1928, forwarding a copy of Supplement No. 1 to General Regulations No. 63, of the General Accounting Office, extending the provisions of General Regulations No. 65 to the field service. The letter and circular were sent out before opportunity had been given for adequate consideration thereof.

General Regulations No. 65 prescribes a procedure, including use of standard form No. 1045, having as its object the prompt removal from difference statements, of such of the items suspended or disallowed as are removed by collection and deposit in the Treasury of the amounts thereof. These regulations permit the reporting of such items to the General Accounting Office as frequently as four times each month. The procedure is doubtless of real value where many such items occur in the accounts of disbursing officers.

In view of the fact that collection and deposit in the Treasury of such items, in Mint Service accounts, is relatively an infrequent occurrence, when considered in connection with the more numerous items of difference statements which are retained for weeks or months following the submission of proper information for their removal, it would seem that no real benefits would result from Mint Service use of standard form No. 1045 and the procedure authorized by General Regulations No. 63, and that on the other hand it would merely add to the many formal exactions now applicable to Government accounting practice. It is therefore suggested that the practice heretofore in effect, concerning items of the nature in question, be continued, unless at some later time the General Accounting Office insists that the Mint Service follow the procedure authorized by General Regulations No. 63.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Reference is made to paragraph 4 of your letter of December 10th regarding your October accounts wherein it was stated that "*** a copy of invoices as received from Scovill Manufacturing Company of nickel blanks received for the Government of Ecuador were enclosed. Please be advised that they were not enclosed with the above letter and have not since been received; kindly forward same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

E. F.

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December 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will find inclosed a $1 bill for which please send to this Bureau a bronze medal of President Roosevelt.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please send, without charge, to the United States Mint at Carson, Nevada, from your stock, one dozen pairs of canvas gloves, gauntlet, leather palms.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.
" U. S. " San Francisco.
" U. S. " Denver.

Gentlemen:

Will you please determine, as at the close of some month prior to May, by actual weighing, the quantities of minor coinage metals on hand, by kinds of metal and by character of stock (whether commercial ingots, coinage ingots, clippings, etc., etc.) and forward to the Bureau certificate in duplicate of such detailed and total weights, as against the balances of such metals called for by the accounts for the same period, with resulting wastages.

Please state also the quantities of nickel coinage metal and bronze coinage metal operated upon since the last annual settlement, and the wastage of each by each department, as shown by the book records.

Also please include as a separate item the quantity of copper on hand for alloying gold and silver coin, as of the same date, determined by actual weighing.

These weighings will be less burdensome if done when the stocks are low.

Respectfully,

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R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau's letter of even date addressed to the coinage mints concerning the determination before May 1st, by actual weighing, of the minor coinage metals and alloy copper on hand. If it is found by May 1st that, by reason of coinage demands, such weighing at the Philadelphia Mint has been impractical, you will please so advise the Bureau at that time. In that event the wastages of minor metal for the current fiscal year will be determined at Philadelphia as per the book records, of difference between withdrawals from storage bins plus quantities in course of manufacture at beginning of year, etc., and outturn in good coin plus metals in the course of manufacture at the end of the year. It is understood that you keep a definite record of the quantities that should be on hand in the storage bins. Possibly you can devise a method, say by segregation of lots, of satisfactorily checking contents of storage bins without making a special weighing thereof.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.
" U. S. Mint, San Francisco.
" U. S. Mint, Denver.
" U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Gentlemen:

Under separate cover is being forwarded a supply (twenty each) of forms 1068, 1068A, and 1068B, "Inventory of Cash Assets", for use by Settlement Committees. These forms will constitute the principal part of the report of the Settlement Committees and will be prepared, signed, and forwarded to the Director of the Mint, in duplicate. One copy will be forwarded by this office, with the account current for the corresponding period, to the General Accounting Office in lieu of the monthly certificates of count of cash, provided for on reverse of the regular account current.

While these forms pertain essentially to the Committee's Report, space is provided for the Superintendent of the institution to evidence his agreement therewith. If for any reason the Superintendent disagrees with the committee's findings, in lieu of signing the form with which he is in disagreement his explanation of such disagreement will be forwarded by him to the Bureau, in duplicate.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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Telephon

Bureau of the Mint, December 17, 1928.

Respectfully referred to the Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, Washington, D. C.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 17th, in which you ask whether or not the good conduct medals for the Marine Corps are to be numbered, we have today been advised that these medals are not to be numbered.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find proposal of The Philadelphia Electric Company for furnishing electric equipment, also proposal for furnishing electric power, forwarded with your letter of December 12th.

The equipment installation has already been contracted for under the Supervising Architect's office, which has jurisdiction thereof, so the enclosed proposal therefor should not be executed by you.

As regards the proposal for furnishing electric current for power, please attach the enclosure to form 8624b "Proposal for Electric Current" under paragraph 2 - Power Rate, and have form 8624b executed. In this connection particular attention is invited to paragraph 5 with reference, on form 8624b, which, among other things, limits the time during which the contract may run to the remainder of the current fiscal year. It is not lawful to enter into contract for services to be rendered to the Government, for which an appropriation is not available (beyond the current fiscal year), unless authorized by special legislation.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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December 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/11/12323, 10-11-28, Philadelphia to Cincinnati, Ohio $5,000 in cents	$115.43
L/11/12322, 11-1-28, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill. $25,000 in cents	654.65

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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December 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Navy Department has today made inquiry as to the prices of the following medals and awards:

Distinguished Rifle Competition, in gold, silver & bronze;
Division Pistol Competition, in gold, silver and bronze;
Distinguished Rifle Marksmanship, in gold only;
The Leuchheimer Trophy, in gold, silver and bronze.

The Officer of the Marine Corps who made the inquiry states that he previously has had quotations from you on each of these, but he wishes to be advised as to what prices are now in effect thereon.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 20, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Styer:

The Bureau is today in receipt of a letter from Honorable Henry W. Watson, House of Representatives, inclosing a letter addressed to him by you, dated December 18th, relative to the scale and balance made by Honorable David Rittenhouse, First Director of the Mint.

I have today written to Congressman Watson that I am without authority to permit the transfer of these scales from the Mint to the Junior High School at Norristown, Pennsylvania, and, furthermore, that I am of the opinion that in any case they should not be removed from the Mint, where they are held as articles of great historical interest.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 20, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will introduce to you Miss Eloise Bartlett of Centerville, Maryland, who wishes to view the operations of your Mint.

Will you please cause every courtesy to be extended to Miss Bartlett in furtherance of her desire?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letters of December 20th and 21st, you are authorized to accept the following proposals on bronze wire and strips; the prices named herein being in each case the lowest of three bids received:

American Brass Company,	200 pounds bronze wire, $0.25 per pound, less 1%;
American Brass Company,	1000 pounds strips 2" x .090", $0.2667 per pound, less 1%;
American Brass Company,	1000 pounds strips 3" x .090", $0.2467 per pound, less 1%;
American Brass Company,	3000 pounds strips 3-1/8" x .250", $0.2467 per pound, less 1%.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1928.

Mr. A. R. Yard,
5512 Irving St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Bureau is just in receipt of your letter of December 21st.

The Reports of the Director of the Mint contain tables covering certain periods of years showing the coinages by Mints.

There is, however, no Report which carries a complete table.

May I venture to suggest that there is a complete file of the Reports in the Philadelphia Mint, and if it is convenient for you to consult same, the information you seek may be obtained in the following volumes:

1903, pages 156 to 169, which will give you the coinages from the beginning of operations to 1902;

1920, page 126, gives the coinages from 1900 to 1919;

1927, page 86, gives the coinages by individual Mints from 1917 to 1926;

1928, gives the coinage for the calendar year 1927.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Marine Corps has withdrawn its request for information about the Leckheimer Trophy, and now only wishes data on the other items mentioned.

Will you please give us the information now desired by the Marine Corps as soon as possible?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will find inclosed a $5 bill for which please send to this Bureau one of each of the following Presidential medals in bronze:

Wilson,
Monroe,
Roosevelt,
McKinley,
Grant.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

December 20, 1928.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith a copy of a recently issued "Catalogue of Coins of the United States". This is an excerpt from the original Catalogue, and the copy is being sent for your official use.

Should you have occasion to reply to inquiries which this Catalogue will cover, it is suggested that you advise your correspondents that copies are for sale at 20¢ each by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

There is no supply on hand here for free distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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January 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint:

20 Obverse Nickel Dies;
5 Reverse Nickel Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

January 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$48,000.
Contingent Expenses	5,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

January 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

L/11/ 12536	10/31/28	Phila to	Nashville	$2,000 in cents	$55.91
L/11/12538	11/7/28	do	Charlotte	10,000 in cents	206.70
L/11/12539	10/31/28	do	Louisville	10,000 in nickels	88.82
L/11/12659	11/10/28	do	Chicago	50,000 in nickels	455.20
L/11/12861	10/30/28	do	Cincinnati	6,000 in cnets	115.43
L/11/12863	11/ 5/28	do	Birmingham	2,000 in cents	57.29
L/11/12705	10/ 6/28	do	St. Louis	5,000 in cents	139.58
L/11/12706	10/27/28	do	do	5,000 in cents	139.58
L/11/12707	10/29/28	do	Detroit	20,000 in nickels	
				10,000 in cents	409.96
L/11/13011	10/23/28	do	Memphis	10,000 in nickels	109.91
L/11/13010	10/31/28	do	do	2,000 in cents	64.19
L/11/13009	10/10/28	do	do	10,000 in nickels	109.91
L/11/13008	10/16/28	do	do	3,000 in cents	96.19
L/11/13007	9/26/28	do	St. Louis	5,000 in cents	139.58
L/11/13003	11/15/28	do	Detroit	10,000 in cents	241.20
L/11/13179	11/19/28	do	Chicago	25,000 in cents	654.65

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of DeLancy, Nipp & Swan, Inc., $11.62, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during November. The rate $.0386 per $1,000 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 8, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of January 7th, you are authorized to purchase from John R. Rowand approximately 4,000 pounds of granulated pine charcoal at $0.0375 per pound; this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

January 8, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your bullion abstract sheet and supporting vouchers for the month of December.

The wrappers containing the vouchers were broken open as the result of rough handling in the mails. This was due to the movement of the vouchers within the wrappers, incident to their not having been tightly held together. Please have future bundles tightly wrapped.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

January 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Department is in receipt of an inquiry through the Department of State from the Government of Nicaragua asking for the cost of manufacturing 100,000 coins of 5-centavo denomination.

It is added that the dies to be used in the manufacture of these coins are now on hand at your Mint, and that the only change necessary would be in the date thereof.

Will you please advise this Bureau of the rate at which this coinage could be executed, in order that the Department of State may be informed?

Respectfully,

B. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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January 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of January 14th, you are authorized to purchase from M. Segal & Sons, 50 dozen pairs of reversible buckskin mittens, at $10.30 per dozen pairs; this being the lowest of three bids received.

It is understood that when these mittens are worn out, they will be burned up to recover whatever precious metals may be adhering to them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of January 14th, you are authorized to purchase from Miller, Bain, Beyer & Company, 1,000 yards of olive-drab twill, for making aprons, sleeves, etc., at $0.1624 per yard; this being the lowest of three bids received out of four bids asked.

You are also authorized to purchase from Miller, Bain, Beyer & Company, approximately 10,000 yards of muslin for coin bags, at $0.1128 per yard; this being the lowest price on the quality of material which will make bags strong enough to hold money.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

January 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of November.

The amount of Treasury Deposits under "Payments" opposite the salaries and wages appropriation has been corrected in the Bureau to read $1969.42 instead of $1946.42.

On the Schedule of Collections the amount of nickel seigniorage has been corrected to $68,797.86 instead of $68,797.00; the amount of bronze seigniorage has been corrected also to $173,418.86 instead of $173,215.72.

Concerning the Scovill nickel blanks received in trust for the Government of Ecuador, it is requested that there be forwarded a copy of each invoice, covering all deliveries; and that the next monthly foreign metals statement be amended accordingly. Copy of only one invoice is found in our files, covering only a fraction of the quantities worked. In future, when deliveries are not promptly verified as to weights, the invoiced quantities should be taken up as receipts on the foreign metals statements, and differences which later develop be shown either as additional receipts or as disbursements, with proper explanations in each instance. The method being used does not provide for a satisfactory audit. In all cases metals received in trust should be taken up and reported on the foreign metals statements of the month in which received, and the receipts be supported with copies of invoices when available, otherwise by the next best available vouchers. Returned herewith please find for your files the duplicates of receipts for foreign coin delivered; one copy only is required to be forwarded to this office.

Philadelphia 2.

Kindly forward copy of Bureau authority authorizing the sale of the war department medals and bars to the War Department, for attaching to Form 575 in support of that sale.

Last page of payroll is herewith returned for completion as per pencil notations thereon. Deductions for other reasons than for the retirement fund should be placed in the column "Deductions-Other", being supported by notations in the "Remarks" column. The amount of $92.64 payable to the estate of Albert S. Bullock, should be shown on the last page of the payroll as indicated. The amount has been noted on pages 15 to 18 in the "Other" column of this roll. See General Accounting Office regulations No. 34 - Supp. No. 3 - dated Feb. 11, 1927, particularly as to balancing the columns at the end of the roll, etc.

On the original of the regular account current the total of the salaries appropriation has been corrected from $117,542.91 to $117,542.36. This difference does not appear on the carbon-copy of the account current, and no erasure of this item is evident on either copy. In future please forward as the duplicate of the account current a carbon copy of the original that is forwarded.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Keeley

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 16, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning the list of assay coins submitted by you for comparison with the records of the Bureau. The list is in agreement with the statements in the Bureau.

Respectfully

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Washington, D. C.,
January 17, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at San Francisco thirty (30) pairs of one cent dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

(Confirming telephone request of this day)

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January 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith for payments from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

L/12/14389	Phila. to	Memphis	12/ 1/28	$10,000	in nickels	
				3,000	in cents	$206.10
L/12/14390	do	do	11/17/28	2,000	do	64.19
L/12/14391	do	do	11/23/28	2,000	do	
				10,000	in nickels	174.00
L/11/12858A	do	Chicago	11/12/28	25,000	in cents	654.65
L/12/13478	do	Cinn'ti.	11/12/28	5,000	do	115.43
L/12/13480	do	Rich'mnd	11/12/28	5,000	do	74.05
L/12/13481	do	Louisv'le	11/21/28	20,000	in nickels	177.64
L/12/13482	do	Rich'mnd	11/22/28	5,000	in cnts	74.05
L/12/13483	do	Cinn'ti.	11/19/28	5,000	do	115.43
L/12/13680	do	Chicago	11/26/28	25,000	do	654.65
L/12/13811	do	Richmnd.	11/27/28	10,000	do	148.05
L/12/13956	do	N. O.	11/14/28	5,000	do	179.25
L/12/13958	do	Little Rock	12/5/28	3,000	do	107.57
L/12/13959	do	do	12/1/28	2,000	do	71.78
L/12/13960	do	Birm'ham	11/24/28	2,000	do	57.29
L/1213961	do	St. Louis	11/10/28	5,000	do	139.58
L/12/13962	do	Chicago	12/5/28	25,000	do	654.65
L/12/13964	do	Clev'lnd	11/12/28	10,000	in nickels	71.06
L/12/14100	do	Chicago	12/10/28	50,000	do	455.20
L/12/14248	do	do	12/11/28	25,000	in cents	654.65
L/12/14249	do	Clevl'nd	12/4/28	5,000	do	99.90
L/12/14250	do	do	12/1/28	10,000	do	
				10,000	in nickels	270.86
L/12/14251	do	Cinn'ti.	12/1/28	5,000	in cents	115.43
L/12/14252	do	do	12/6/28	5,000	in cents	
				15,000	in nickels	257.05

Philadelphia 2.

L/12/14392	Phila.	to Charlotte	12/20/28	$5,000 in cents	$103.35
L/12/14393	do	Detroit	11/28/28	10,000 in cents	
				20,000 in nickels	409.96
L/12/14394	do	Birmn'ham	12/3/28	2,000 in cents	57.29
L/12/14395	do	Detroit	12/3/28	20,000 in nickels	168.76
L/12/14397	do	Birmn'ham	12/19/28	4,000 in cents	114.48
L/12/13812	do	Chicago	12/ 3/28	50,000 in nickels	455.20

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 19, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Returned herewith find foreign metals statement of the nickel account of the Government of Ecuador and coiner's analysis of balances, both pertaining to your December accounts, as per request contained in last paragraph of your letter of January 17, which letter pertained to your November accounts. It is preferred that adjustments be made on the above papers in accordance with paragraph 4 of Bureau letter of the 15th instant.

Last sheets of your November and December payrolls are herewith returned for correct balancing of column totals as requested by paragraph 3 of your letter of above date. The necessary corrections with reference to the "Other" deductions on the other pages will be made in the Bureau.

Respectfully,

F. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 21, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your letter of January 19, 1929, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Philadelphia Gas Works Company, amounting to $320 for two semi-steel retorts and $38 for two funnels, less 2% for payment in 10 days.

It is understood that three bids were asked for and two received, the local dealer's bid being in your judgement the more advantageous to the Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 25, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I hereby designate Mr. Edward F. McKernan, skilled workman, Philadelphia Mint, to represent me in witnessing the breaking of joint seals on the vaults of the Mint, and in placing joint seals upon vaults when required. Mr. McKernan is to take the place of Mr. Frank Lamberson, recently retired, who was formerly my representative in the execution of the above described duties.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

M/1/153	12/18/28	Phila to Chicago	$25,000	in cents	$654.65
M/1/152	12/19/28	do do	50,000	in nickels	455.20
M/1/151	12/15/28	do Louisville	1,000	in cents	25.54
M/1/150	12/18/28	do do	10,000	in nickels	88.82
M/1/149	12/26/28	do Nashville	2,000	in cents	55.91
M/1/148	12/10/28	do Cleveland	20,000	in nickels	
			7,000	in cents	281.96
M/1/147	12/12/28	do do	5,000	in cents	99.90
M/1/146	12/11/28	do Richmond	5,000	in cents	74.03
M/1/380	12/ 1/28	do Atlanta	20,000	in nickels	188.74
L/11/12860	11/12/28	do Charlotte	10,000	in nickels	73.28

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

OK

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January 26, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of John R. Rowand to supply your Mint with approximately 3,000 pounds of pulverized pine charcoal at $0.045 per pound.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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January 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of DeLancy, Kipp and Swan, Inc., $24.00, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of December. The rate $.0386 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 30, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find proposal of the Philadelphia Electric Company for supplying electric current to your institution, accompanied by contract form of that company, carrying Schedule "E" rates for such service. Schedule"E", as evidencing the applicable rates, should be attached to the proposal form. There appears no reason for signing either Schedule E or the attached rider. A letter should be addressed to the Philadelphia Electric Company, worded approximately as follows:

> Your proposal dated January 21, 1929, for furnishing electric power current to the Philadelphia Mint is hereby accepted for a period beginning on a mutually agreeable date after completion of necessary equipment and ending June 30, 1929, at rates not in excess of those that conform with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania. This contract is renewable from year to year at the option of the Government, unless terminated by the Philadelphia Electric Company on June 30th of any year upon giving sixty days written notice.

The letter above mentioned should be forwarded to the Bureau in triplicate for approval and return to you, the original thereof to be then sent to the Philadelphia Electric Company with one copy of the proposal and accompanying Schedule E, one copy of each to be retained for your files, and the original proposal with ac-

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company, by Schedule E, together with a copy of letter of acceptance and abstract of agreement to be forwarded to the Bureau for transmission to the General Accounting Office. While the laws of a State are applicable to its subjects, they are not enforceable against the State's superior, the Federal Government.

The letter of the Philadelphia Electric Company, dated January 21, 1929, is herewith enclosed for further consideration. The paragraph on page 2 of said letter, quoted below, appears to be extraneous to the other matters contained in the letter, and should not be agreed to by the Mint Service, since it may affect the conditions of some other agreement or contract.

> "The Philadelphia Electric Company will not in any case whatever assume any responsibility for defects which may develop in any part of the installation estimated at $820.00."

Possibly this paragraph, which should be eliminated, refers to the work being done by the Philadelphia Electric Company for J. F. Buchanan Company who are understood to be installing certain electrical work in the mint under a contract with the Supervising Architect's office of the Treasury. If so, the Philadelphia Electric Company's responsibility in this matter is to the Buchanan Company, while the Government looks to the principal contractor and not to the sub-contractor. There appears to be no reason why the remaining provision of this letter should not be accepted by you, as no financial consideration is involved.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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January 31, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

M/1/529	12/ 5/ 28	Phila to	St. Louis	$5,000 in cents	$139.58
M/1/530	12/13/28	do	do	5,000 in cents	139.58
M/1/531	12/28/28	do	Nashville	2,000 in cents	55.91
M/1/800	12/ 8/28	do	New Orleans	5,000 in cents	179.25
M/1/801	12/30/28	do	do	25,000 in nickels	305.35
M/1/802	12/12/28	do	do	25,000 in nickels	305.35

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 1, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing documents attached to your letter of January 31, 1929, relative to motors for labor-saving machines. It is advised that the following procedure be followed:-

Invite bids for the motors to be discarded; if none are received accompany each voucher with a statement to that effect; sell to highest bidder if bids are received and deposit the proceeds, or amount allowed if turned in on new motors, into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipt-proceeds of the sale of old material. If allowances are made by vendors of new motors vouchers should show total cost of the new motors, one check being drawn for payment to the vendor and another for deposit into the Treasury of the amount allowed.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 1st, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Frederick T. Wimley, trading as Horace B. Wimley, to serve 20 seated luncheons on each of the two days the Annual Assay Commission meets at your Mint, namely, on February 13th and 14th, at a total cost of $110.00; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of January 31st, you are authorized to purchase from Cope & Bevan, 5,000 feet of first-common, white pine lumber at $68.00 per thousand feet, net; this being the lowest of four bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$56,000.
Contingent Expenses	5,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of December.

Vo. No. 376, payable to The Postmaster, $89.00, is herewith returned for certification.

Please do not indicate as "Inclosures" with the bullion account current the foreign metals statements and vouchers, which include the abstract sheets and supporting vouchers when gold or silver bullion is received in trust. These do not go to the General Accounting Office, but are retained in the Bureau, as heretofore advised.

Memorandum of bullion received No. 3152 is herewith returned for correction; according to assay report, the weight before melting was 51.46 ounces instead of 51.41 ounces as is indicated in one place thereon.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

February 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the manufacture of the coins for the Government of Nicaragua in accordance with the terms stated in your letter to this Bureau of January 14, 1929, as follows:

100,000 - 5 centavo nickel pieces, $3.50 per thousand pieces.

The National Bank of Nicaragua, 140 Broadway, New York, N. Y., has been authorized to meet all the expenses of this proposed coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send fifty ounces of proof gold to the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith please find for your consideration and return your report on form 61-A of receipts of gold and silver during the quarter ended December 31, 1928; attention is invited to pencil notations thereon concerning differences between some of the amounts and corresponding items carried by the accounts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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February 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith please find duplicate and triplicate of contract of the Philadelphia Electric Company for furnishing electric power current to your institution during the remainder of the current fiscal year. The original is being retained in this office for forwarding to the General Accounting Office. Please forward to the Bureau abstract of agreement carrying the contract number, etc.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-S
Encl.

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February 12, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of February 11th concerning report on form 61-A for the December quarter.

The explanation concerning domestic coin receipts, which in some cases cannot be segregated by denominations, is satisfactory. Previous similar explanation escaped attention - we will try to keep it in mind in the future.

The total silver value for the December quarter, as per the accounts, appears to be $1,752,209.44, while form 61-A is 5¢ more than this. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, the item of jewelers' bars, etc., will be reduced by 5¢ to provide harmony.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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February 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 14th, you are authorized to purchase from the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, one 1/2-HP and one 1/4-HP, alternating current motors, the former at a cost of $22.75 and the latter at a cost of $21.66, plus an additional charge of $1.25 for delivery to your Mint, or a total cost of $45.66.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 18th, you are authorized to purchase from the Lumber Service Company, approximately 10,000 feet of white pine lumber, 1st common, 1" x 12", S4S, at $65.00 per thousand, less 2% for payment in ten days; this being the lowest of five bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

February 20, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 19th, you are authorized to purchase from R. L. Polk & Company, for the official use of the Mint, one copy of the 1929 Philadelphia City Directory, at a cost of $30.00.

It is understood that you have had no Directory since 1924, and that the purchase of this publication is essential for the proper conduct of the business of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing the approval by the Secretary of the extension of the temporary appointment of Mr. J. G. Fullerton.

Please note that the indorsement of Mr. Stewart Wilson reads: "Not to exceed three months from February first". It is believed in the Bureau that this is a typographical error; however, it will be necessary for us to have the record carried correctly in the Department.

Will you please ask Mr. Wilson to make this correction and advise us.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

February 21, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 20th, you are authorized to purchase the following metals for use in your bronze coinage;

15,000 pounds of slab zinc, highest grade, from the United States Smelting Works, at $0.0785 per pound; this being the lowest of three bids received.

3,000 pounds of Straits tin, from the United States Smelting Works, at $0.4983 per pound; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the Denver Mint the following:

15 - Obverse One-cent Dies;
10 - Reverse One-cent Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

February 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a pair of cuff buttons made of gold coins which I would ask you to receive as a deposit. These pieces were received from Mr. Frank J. F. Thiel, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and I would appreciate it if you will make the check payable to Mr. Thiel. I realize that this is a special request.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Via Registered Mail.

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February 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 25th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from A. Berkman Company, approximately 4,000 yards of 54" twill, as per sample submitted, at $0.3522 per yard. It is understood that the material is to be used in making #1 coin bags and that the bid accepted is the most advantageous to the Government.

The samples you inclosed are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 26th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from the Corundite Refractories, Inc., of Massillon, Ohio, 25 sets (4 to a set) of fire brick forms, letter A which is the cylinder of your melting furnaces, at $10.50 per set.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

March 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$55,000.
Contingent Expenses	10,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Thirty Pairs Obverse One-cent Dies;
Twenty Pairs Reverse One-cent Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

March 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 5th and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to accept the proposal of W. T. Spivey Company, amounting to $1095.00, to fully install canvas belts on the ingot and strip conveyors between the basement and first floor rolling rooms of your Mint.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The British Government requests the following information, which please prepare and forward to this Bureau at an early date:

"Were any medals struck at the Mint or Mints during 1928? If so, give particulars as to numbers, metals, &c."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

H-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of March 6th, the notation "Final Delivery" has been lined out on February voucher No.554, and the explanation attached thereto, of variation in quantities delivered, is returned herewith. The substitute explanation of the variation in quantities delivered is also returned herewith with the information that such explanation is not required where the variation is not material. It is customary to not question [redacted] variations of approximately 10% [redacted] between quantities ordered and quantities delivered; and in this case the variation is materially less than 10%.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encls.

March 8, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of January:

Assay report No. 3222 and memorandum of bullion received of the same number are herewith returned for correction of the weight before melting to agree one with the other.

Assay reports Nos. 3224, 3281, 3833 and 3834 are herewith returned for notation on each of the reason for extra charge. Whenever there is a remelt that fact should be noted, the original after-melting weight be lined out and the new after melting weight be inserted. If the remelt is occasioned by incorrect treatment by the melter, so that the cost thereof cannot in justice be charged to the depositor, the notation could be "Remelt, without extra charge". The reason for extra charges should be noted in all future pertinent cases.

The melting, and parting and refining column footings and headings on pages 3, 4 and 5 of the bullion abstract sheets have been corrected in the Bureau; the former being increased by $1.00 and the latter being decreased by 19¢; page 6 continues with correct amounts carried forward. The above was caused by the adjustments in these charges on deposit No. 3281, page 3, which adjustments were not made in the column totals mentioned.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bill of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

M/2/2397 12/28/28 Phila to Memphis $1,000 in cents $32.19

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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March 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 8th, you are authorized to purchase from John Blakeley and Sons, approximately 2,000 pounds of white rags, at $0.1025 per pound less 1% 10 days; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Reference is made to your report of appropriation transactions in October, 1928, wherein the amount of encumbrances set up against the Salaries and Wages Appropriation is stated as $50,026.23. The payroll for the month of October, filed with the November accounts, shows disbursements of $55,946.91 against this appropriation. The amounts reported as encumbered and amounts paid for other months closely approximate each other. Please advise as to the necessary adjustments to eliminate the above mentioned discrepancy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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March 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 12th, this letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of Lees & Sanders, Ltd., of Birmingham, England, amounting to $1,487.00, for 10,052 avoirdupois pounds of sweeps, containing 15.753 ounces of fine gold and 80.002 ounces of fine silver per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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March 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 13th, and for the reasons given, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Vesuvius Crucible Company to furnish 300 graphite crucibles, #70 Mint special, at $9.40 each, less 1% 10 days.

It is understood that J. H. Gautier and Company made a lower bid, but that tests on Gautier and Vesuvius crucibles show that the Vesuvius crucibles will give twice the service.

As a result of the tests made, and for that reason, you are authorized to accept the Vesuvius bid.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to the Bureau's advice to you of amounts allotted under the Salaries appropriation for your use during the current fiscal year please be advised that a Deficiency Appropriation Act has been passed by the Congress which permits increasing your allotment for the 4th quarter to an amount sufficient to meet your payrolls, on the present basis, for the remainder of the year. The additional amount allotted for your 4th quarter is $6,500.00. If you have reason to believe that this will be insufficient please forward to the Bureau data as a basis for considering a revised allotment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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March 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to voucher in favor of the estate of John F. Rodgers, deceased, it is noted that his compensation from February 1 to 19, for 19 days, at $1380 per annum is stated as $72.59, which agrees with the payroll, but which is 24¢ less than given in the salary tables and by correct computation. Explanation of the difference is requested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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March 18, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Denver Mint the following:

10 Pairs One-Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, this letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of Guggenheim Brothers to supply your Mint with 20,000 pounds of alloy copper at $0.2515 per pound.

It is understood that this is the only bid received of three asked.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will find inclosed correspondence from the State Department relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Nicaragua.

With the return of the inclosed correspondence, please advise this Bureau of the amount of metal required for this proposed coinage, and of all the costs incidental thereto.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Keelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There is forwarded to you today under separate cover by insured parcel post the following:

Standard gold scrap, 54.15 ounces.
Gold and silver cleanup bar weight, 30.00 ounces.
Fine silver chloride bar, 63.10 ounces.

Of this metal, 65.0375 standard ounces belong to the gold account, 58.1111 standard silver ounces to the subsidiary account, and 6.675 standard silver ounces to the standard silver dollar account.

The following accounts should be credited to San Francisco, Denver and Philadelphia respectively, being the values of metals resulting from special assay coins forwarded to this Bureau up to and including December 31, 1928:

	San Francisco	Denver	Philadelphia
Gold	- - - - - - - -	- - - -	$1,210.00
S. S. Dollar	- - - - - - - -	- - - -	8.00
Subsidiary	$38.80	$6.10	27.40

Please proceed to make these entries, and notify the Mints at San Francisco and Denver, when they have been completed.

After determining the gold and silver content of the cleanup bar, please return any surplus of gold to the Bureau in the form of proof and any silver in inquartation shot form.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

At the request of the Secretary's Office, please forward to this Bureau as soon as possible a list of deposits of Mexican gold coin and bullion for the calendar years 1927 and 1928, giving the dates of the deposits, the amounts, through what banks or agents received, the names of the payees of the checks, and through what channels the checks were sent to the payees.

Please consider this matter as strictly confidential.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 27, 1929.

Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.
Superintendent, United States Assay Office, 32 Wall St., New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, La.
Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, Carson, Nevada.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

In order that there may be no question in the matter of accepting gold you are hereby instructed that you should hold pending investigation or decline to receive any gold which you may have reason to believe or suspect has been stolen (STOP) You should in all such cases require owner to furnish affidavit certifying as to ownership and as to source from which he obtained it and that he is satisfied that gold has not been stolen (STOP) Payment should be suspended on account of any gold which you believe or suspect to be of Mexican origin except upon the furnishing of a certificate from some responsible person in the United States establishing his ownership of the gold (STOP) If evidence does not satisfy you report facts and circumstances immediately to Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, in order that appropriate instructions may be given (STOP) Meanwhile the gold should be received only subject to investigation and the depositor should be advised that payment will be suspended pending such investigation (STOP) Supply affidavits being mailed.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1929.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 8—4205 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128 A.

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March 28, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a letter received from the Curator of History of the National Museum, attached to which is a list of coins which it is desired to purchase for the numismatic collection.

If you find a balance in the appropriation for this collection sufficient to meet this expenditure, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Mr. Wayte Raymond, amounting to $801.85, to supply the list of coins indicated.

In forwarding your account you will, of course, understand that the necessary certificate will have to be attached, evidencing that it was impractical to obtain bids on this particular collection of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 27th, you are authorized to purchase from John R. Rowand, 6,000 pounds of granulated pine charcoal at 3-3/4¢ per pound, and 3,000 pounds of pulverized pine charcoal at 4-1/2¢ per pound; these being the only bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 27th, you are authorized to purchase from the Philadelphia Gas Works Company, two feeding hoppers complete for American Gas Furnace Company #17 annealing furnace, at $95.50 each, a total of $191.00, less 2% 10 days; this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Twenty Obverse Nickel Dies;
Twenty-five Reverse Nickel Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits fund, bill of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/3/3521, 3/5/29, Philadelphia to Jacksonville, Fla.
$2,000 in cents - $57.98

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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March 30, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 0.525 ounce of proof gold and 16.77 ounces of proof silver in return for excess forwarded to you on March 23, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 30, 1929.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
Superintendent Mint, Denver, Colorado.
Superintendent U.S.Assay Office, New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Helena, Montana.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Salt Lake, Utah.
Assayer in Charge, ~~Assay Office~~, Mint, Carson, Nevada.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, New Orleans, La.

Supplementing wire twenty-seventh concerning gold tenders Stop Do not accept any gold known or believed to be stolen Stop Gold known or believed to be of Mexican Origin and which you have no reason to believe has been stolen may be accepted only subject to investigation and providing the owner is willing to furnish certificate of ownership and of origin and to have the gold accepted subject to such investigation Stop Deposits received by mail or by express should be held and in the meantime you should request shipper to furnish certificate of ownership Stop Instead of furnishing affidavit form as contemplated when telegram of twenty-seventh was sent you should ask owner to furnish affidavit on form made up by him certifying that he is the owner of the gold and giving name of person from whom purchased and reciting that express warranty of title is given by owner to Government Stop Affidavits by corporations should be executed by an officer thereof who should recite in affidavit that he has been duly authorized to execute it Stop Affidavits by partnerships should be executed by member of firm who should show in affidavit that firm is a partnership and that he is a member of the firm.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint 1929.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128 A.
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—4905

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

April 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$50,000.
Contingent Expenses	15,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

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April 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is still having difficulty with the encumbrance records under your salaries and wages allotment, as below:

Month	Encumbrances reported as set up	Payroll disbursements thereon	Encumbrance difference on payroll basis	Encumbrance difference on monthly report basis	Encumbrances reported as liquidated although not liquidated by your payment nor by cancellation
1928					1/
July	$ 51,317.88	$ 51,378.28	+ $60.40		
Aug.	52,874.59	52,872.12	- 2.47	+ $60.40	
Sept.	50,176.38	50,176.66	+ .28	- 2.47	
Oct.	56,026.23	55,946.91	- 79.32	+ .28	$92.64
Nov.	53,096.05	53,044.14	- 51.91	- 79.32	51.91
Dec.	53,309.24	53,296.18	- 13.06	- 51.91	13.06
1929					
Jan.	52,659.78	52,659.78		- 13.06	
Feb.	48,596.02	48,580.98	- 15.04		15.04

1/ Unliquidated wages bills submitted to the General Accounting Office for subsequent liquidation.

Encumbrances not liquidated either by your payment or cancellation should not be reported to us as liquidated. They are liabilities against the appropriations (unliquidated encumbrances) until actually paid or cancelled, and should

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so appear in the records. For your own purposes, vouchers when sent to Washington for audit prior to payment may be considered, if desired, as liquidating appropriate encumbrances; but they should not be so reported to the Bureau, whose record of liquidation will be completed by the General Accounting Office's report of action on such vouchers.

The October difference of $13.32 between the reported encumbrance difference and the unliquidated voucher ($79.32 + 13.32 = 92.64) is not understood.

Please advise the Bureau whether there are any actual liabilities against the salaries and wages allotment in addition to those represented by the vouchers shown in the right-hand column above, for the period July, 1928, to February, 1929, inclusive.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-S

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April 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter received today from the War Department. Will you please refer this letter to Mr. Coleman and ask him to give me the benefit of his assistance in formulating an appropriate reply, requesting him to feel free to offer his own opinion and advice?

I am also sending a copy of the letter to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, to be referred to Mr. Wagor for a similar expression of opinion from that officer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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April 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your letter of April 3rd, this letter will be authority for you to pay Elijah M. Pierce his wages for the period from March 16, 1929, to March 30, 1929, inclusive.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 3rd, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Chalfant & Scott to supply your Mint with approximately 600 tons, gross, of bituminous coal, run-of-mine, suitable for your down-draft furnaces, at the rate of $5.79 per gross ton.

The accepted proposal, with bond, will be sufficient in this case.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 3rd, you are authorized to purchase from the Midvale Company, two pairs of hardened steel rolls, 9" x 10-3/8", at a total cost of $1406.60; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Denver Mint the following:

15 Reverse One-Cent Dies

10 Obverse One-Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
DR

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April 5, 1929.

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirming telephone conversation of this morning accept in the usual manner gold now held by you from Union State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo.

Grant
Director.

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April 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of February.

Public Vos. Nos. 534, 535, 536 and 537 are herewith returned for approval of the Superintendent.

Deposit Certificate No. 4064 is herewith returned for counter signature of the Assayer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

April 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your inquiry of yesterday concerning ribbons for time stamps, attention is invited to General Schedule Item No. 1320 (c) or (d). If the ribbons there scheduled will not meet your requirements, it is suggested that you purchase what is needed, in the open market. If the ribbons there scheduled will meet your requirements they can be purchased by you from the contractor therefor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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April 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of April 4, 1929, concerning the amount alloted under the Salaries and Wages Appropriation for your use during the current fiscal year, please be advised that a sufficient portion (approximately $20,500) of the total amount reimbursed to the appropriation on account of services for others is being assigned for your use during the remainder of the current fiscal year to keep net disbursements for your regular mint operations on domestic account, on the present operating basis, within the amounts that have been apportioned.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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April 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is returning the photographs of the medal for Assistant Secretary Bond. Mr. Bond has suggested several changes. I should, however, hasten to state that he is very much pleased with the medal, outside of the minor changes he has asked me to have made, as follows:

Put the title on the portrait side (perhaps where the Treasury seal is at present); place the seal over the building instead of the present device, or place the seal at the base of the building when the title is removed from there.

It is probable that the sculptor will desire to make further changes in the embellishment of the medal at the base of the building when the title has been taken from where it now is.

Mr. Bond suggests that some fullness be taken from the side of the face where the pencil marks appear on the photograph inclosed. Mr. Bond appeared to be anxious to leave to the discretion of the sculptor whatever changes he saw fit to make on the reverse or building side, as long as he will be able to place the title on the portrait side.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary's Office, I am returning the affidavit inclosed with your letter of April 5th covering the receipt of gold of Mexican origin sent to you by the Laredo National Bank of Laredo, Texas, in three lots, on March 28, 1929; March 30, 1929; April 4, 1929.

The letter of the Laredo National Bank, addressed to you under date of April 2, 1929, is also returned for your files.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 9th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to accept the proposal of White & Brother, Incorporated, to purchase from you, old material, as follows:

Approximately 1100 pounds copper grindings @ $11.50 per 100 pounds;
Approximately 130 pounds copper scale, @ $10.00 per 100 pounds;
Approximately 9000 pounds charcoal and broken pots, @ $15.00 per net ton of 2,000 pounds;
Approximately 4800 pounds of crucibles, @ $6.00 per net ton of 2,000 pounds.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

April 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, please send to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Twenty Pairs One-Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has no record of receipt of [redacted] current contracts Nos. T2m-91 and T2m-92, although Nos. T2m-93, 94, and 95 dated March 7, 15 and 25 have been received. If contracts Nos. T2m-91 and 92 have not been forwarded, please forward same, and if they have been forwarded please indicate when, with information as to the purport of each.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

April 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There is forwarded to you today by insured parcel post a package containing:

Fine gold scrap, 15.20 ounces;
One fine silver chloride bar, 22.20 ounces;
" " " " ", 14.65 " .

In return, please supply this Bureau with the equivalent in proof gold (strip form) and proof silver shot.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 13th, you are authorized to purchase from the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, one 10-HP motor, for use in your chrome-plating room, at a cost of $183.52; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, April 16, 1929.

Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colo.
Superintendent, United States Assay Office, 32 Wall St., New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, La.

Referring further to consignments Mexican gold STOP Affidavits in such cases should be executed by owner of gold and should give source from which owner derived it STOP Owner should be required to state he is acting on his own behalf and not for account of another in offering gold for sale and should warrant to United States title to said gold STOP In asking for affidavits you should cover these requirements in your advice to those presenting gold.

Grant
Director.

OK

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1929.

2—4300 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2133 A.

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April 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Department is today in receipt of a letter from the Department of State, asking for the execution of the Nicaraguan coinage which was requested in a recent letter. The Department has today advised the Department of State that this coinage will be undertaken "as early as practicable". I assume that you will not be in position to undertake this coinage until after the close of the current fiscal year. What is your judgment in this matter?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition dated April 11th, item 5, requesting six reams of golden paper 6½x6-1/8, I am advised that the Public Printer does not carry this color in stock.

The accompanying samples are the nearest approach to the color desired and are submitted for your approval.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

H-S
Encl.

April 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, please send to the New York Assay Office the following:

50 ounces of proof gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 16th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Paul Beyer to renew the copper walls on two of the washing machines in your whitening room, at a cost of $117.00, less 2% for payment in ten days; this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning the letter of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia with the statement that you are authorized to give the information requested in the inclosed letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 19th, you are authorized to dispose of scrap materials, as follows:

To Barney Davis:

Approximately 2,000 pounds of die steel, at 55¢ per 100 pounds.
Approximately 4,000 pounds of scrap iron and steel, at 52½¢ per 100 pounds.

To R. E. Cliggett's Sons:

Approximately 600 pounds of scrap brass and copper, at $12.11 per 100 pounds.
Approximately 1,000 pounds of scrap medal bronze, at $13.11 per 100 pounds.

It is understood that the prices in each instance are the higher of two received, although proposals were asked from six firms.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
GR

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April 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your report on form 61-B of private refinery deposits of gold and silver during the January-March quarter of 1929, please advise the Bureau whether the silver deposited in trust was the product of various domestic refineries. If part was from foreign refineries, the quantity, or approximate quantity, thereof is requested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

R.S

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April 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 20th relative to daylight-saving time.

You are hereby authorized to have your Mint conform to daylight-saving time, commencing on Monday, April 29, 1929; it being understood that the usual number of hours will comprise a working day.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 20th, you are authorized to purchase an air compressor for use with the lacquer-spraying machine in your medal room from J. Jacob Shannon & Co., at a cost of $435.00, less 2% for payment in ten days; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 23rd, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to accept the bid of J. Bishop & Co., amounting to $46.50 each, plus $2.48 per gram for any additional platinum required, to rework four old, worn, platinum boiling dishes into new dishes.

It is understood that the platinum dishes, when received by you, will weigh approximately 155 grams each.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Seattle Assay Office the following:

Ten ounces of proof gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the Bureau letter of February 19, 1929, will you please instruct the Engraver to return to this Office the photographs of the south side of the Treasury Department, lent to this Bureau by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

It is understood that, now that the reverse of Mr. Bond's medal is finished, the photographs will no longer be required by the Engraver.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of the following message from the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department:

"Please order Philadelphia Mint make and ship to Treasurer, Philippine Islands, eight pairs coinage dies for five-centavo pieces, bearing same design and inscription as usual, but diameter reduced to three-fourths inch. Small letter 'm' to appear on reverse of coin indicating location mint. Complete accessories for cutting, upsetting, and coining machines also desired in view of change in diameter."

Is this cablegram sufficiently explicit for you to proceed with the manufacture of this equipment? It is, of course, understood that while the diameter is reduced to 3/4", the weight of the coin, namely, 4 grams and 87 centigrams, is not to be changed.

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the preparation of this equipment for the Mint at Manila, as soon as we notify you that your terms for this work are accepted by the War Dep't. Please advise this Bureau what the charges will be.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find two copies of proposal also two copies of contract bond pertaining to contract T2m-96, the original of which is being forwarded to the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encls.

April 27, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of yesterday, with enclosures, concerning medal account book form No. 968, I am enclosing herewith the revised sample sheet originally received with your requisition, with the changes suggested thereon. On the reverse side of this sheet has been attached, in this office, a rough-draft sheet believed to carry into effect the changes suggested. On the upper half of the same side of the sheet has been noted in pencil several suggested changes, some of which result from the change in the appropriation for the next fiscal year, which will be a single appropriation for salaries, wages and contingent expenses instead of two appropriations as heretofore. It is understood that the cash account in question covers the cash received by the medal clerk and later delivered to the cashier.

With return of the enclosures the Bureau would be pleased to have such comment as considered pertinent, as well as any notations on the enclosures which are considered desirable.

The specimen copy with typical sample entries thereon, forwarded with your letter, has been found to be very helpful.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encls.

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April 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the Denver Mint the following:

15 Reverse One-Cent Dies,
5 Obverse One-Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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April 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The follwoing pertains to your accounts for the month of March.

Receipt for bullion, No. 4642, is returned herewith for the indorsement of Zelda Miller.

It is noted that change was made in March whereby the carrying of a cash balance pertaining to the minor coinage metal fund, for the purchase of mutilated minor coin, was discontinued, such coin being purchased with bullion fund cash and the bullion fund being reimbursed towards the end of the month. If this practice is continued the mutilated minor coin vouchers should be scheduled with other minor coinage metal purchased (Standard form 1024). The March schedule has been amended in this office by inserting the pertinent items in order that the detailed items might make up the stated total, which agrees with the disbursements carried to the account current.

In wrapping the packages of March bullion deposit certificates apparently glue was allowed to run in, sticking many of the papers together.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-S

Encls.

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April 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau a statement covering the following situation?: For what amount of coal for the Mint did the Coordinator invite bids; that is, for a year's supply or for a quarterly supply? Will he attend to having the contract executed, or will you merely receive information from him as to the rate at which the coal is to be supplied, you to be required to carry through the execution of the contract?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning the affidavit and letter inclosed with your letter of April 29th. Your letter, together with the affidavit, was submitted to a Representative of the Secretary's Office, and the papers were returned with the following memorandum:

"The affidavit received from the Laredo National Bank in connection with the 27,994 Mexican gold pesos is acceptable. It sufficiently shows that the gold in question was obtained from merchants, who in turn, presumably, received it in regular course in payment for merchandise.

Answering the question contained in paragraph 3 of the letter of April 24, 1929, from the Laredo National Bank to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, the affidavits may be signed by the merchants who deposit the gold with the bank, which affidavits should show that they received it from the sale of merchandise, and it will not be necessary for the merchants to take an affidavit from each Mexican customer to whom they sell merchandise."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

10 Obverse One-Cent Dies
30 Reverse One-Cent Dies

12 Large One-Cent Collars
12 Medium One-Cent Collars.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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May 1, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of April 26th relative to seals on registered mail. If the Post Office Department will accept registered packages without the paper seals, this Bureau has no objection. Of course, you should take very good care that the regular sealing of registered packages is carefully and thoroughly done.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has been advised that the Post Office Department has 3,000 additional special "K" locks, numbered 19,500 to 22,499, inclusive, for use in currency and coin shipments. The Bureau is further advised that the locks will be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States for appropriate distribution.

Should you require any additional number of locks, will you please advise this Bureau?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reference to your letter of April 30th, this letter will be authority for you to purchase from the Bank of Commerce in New York, Agent for the Government of Ecuador, the pure nickel condemned blanks and coin equivalent to 2,036.2080 avoirdupois pounds remaining from the coinage for Ecuador.

It is suggested that you purchase this nickel on May 4, 1929, at the market price as quoted in the May 4, 1929, edition of the Engineering and Mining Journal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 1, 1929, there is hereby assigned as supplementing the original allotment of $95,-000.00, for your use under the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929, $11,000.00 out of the amounts repaid to that appropriation incident to manufacture of foreign coin, etc.

Before acting upon the request for $10,000.00 additional for "Approximate Expenditures for additional equipment or contingencies,-alloy copper, etc.", detailed information is requested as to the purposes for which this sum is desired, with indication of the necessity for each item.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-J

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May 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telephone conversation requesting you to discontinue as early as practicable the gold coinage, and to proceed on the manufacture of subsidiary and minor coins for the balance of this fiscal year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$50,000.
Contingent Expenses	20,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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May 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of April 30th relative to deposits received from the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo, Texas, covering consignments of Mexican gold pesos, was referred to the Secretary's Office and the Bureau is today in receipt of the following statement:

"I should accept the affidavit in the attached case involving $10,000 in Mexican gold coin, but would advise the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company that in future affidavits the names of the persons from whom the gold was purchased by them must be given, except where the gold is received in small amounts.

In reply to the third paragraph of the letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint as to whether, in case the Corn Exchange National Bank and Trust Company of Philadelphia made this deposit in its own name and not for the account of the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company, as has been the custom, the Corn Exchange National Bank and Trust Company would be required to furnish an affidavit, I should advise that the affidavit should be given by the owner of the gold. If the Corn Exchange National Bank and Trust Company tenders gold for the account of the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company, the transaction would indicate that the Corn Exchange National Bank and Trust Company was merely acting as agent for the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company, which latter bank would probably be the owner."

I am returning the affidavit attached to your letter, to be retained in your files.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The United States Civil Service Commission has questioned the title of Mr. John J. Dee as "Head Carpenter".

In order to avoid a special examination or any objection on the part of the Civil Service for Mr. Dee's retaining his pay status, we have consented to have his title changed from "Head Carpenter" to "Carpenter", without change of pay.

I would suggest that this change become effective on May 5, 1929, and I am inclosing a letter received from the Division of Appointments covering this case.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of May 4th relative to additional funds required for the balance of the fiscal year.

Will you please advise the Bureau the basis upon which you estimated the expenditure of $1,700 for platinum dishes; that is, inform us how many and what type of utensils are to be repaired for this amount? It is appreciated in the Bureau that you cannot give exact figures on this question.

Please give similar information covering typewriters.

Upon receipt of these details the Bureau will be glad to advise you promptly as to the further amount of funds to be released to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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May 6, 1929.

Sir:

The Bureau is required by the Secretary's Office to make a report for the Bureau of the Budget not later than May 22nd covering the economies effected in our Service during the fiscal year 1929.

Will you please advise the Bureau what economies have been effected in your institution, covering in your report the efficiency methods instituted which have brought about economies?

As you will note that the Bureau is obliged to have this report in the Secretary's Office by the 22nd of May, it will be appreciated if you will make your report promptly to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
GR.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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May 8, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With further reference to your letter of May 1, 1929, and further supplementing the original allotment of $95,000.00 for your use under the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929, as well as the assignment of May 2, 1929, of $11,000.00, there is hereby assigned for your use an additional sum of $10,000.00 out of the amounts repaid to that appropriation incident to manufacture of foreign coin, etc.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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May 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 8th, you are authorized to purchase from Nathan Trotter & Co., 16,000 pounds of slab zinc at $0.0819 per pound, and 4,500 pounds of pig tin at $0.45⅛ per pound, for use in your minor coinage.

It is understood that the above price on zinc is the lower of two bids received of three bids asked, and that the above price on tin is the only bid received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1929.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find copy of revised Treasury Department Circular No. 12, dated April 23, 1929, pertaining to certificates of deposit, marked to indicate the items which require particular attention by Mint Service offices. A supply of revised C/D form No. 1 will be forwarded as soon as available.

In future each C/D (form 1) should carry for each item appearing thereon, the receipt heading, its symbol, and the amount. Each item should be separately stated on the C/D (using reverse of the form if the space on face is inadequate) - items should not be combined into classes as they are on the account current.

Since the duplicate of each C/D (form 1) is to be forwarded to this office, if it is prepared so as to give adequate information (as contemplated) the use of form 550-A, letter of advice, should be discontinued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

May 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Officers connected with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue desire to give the Commissioner a gold medal immediately upon his retirement from the Service.

Will you please send to the Bureau an estimate of what it will cost to produce a gold medal, having on the obverse the semi-wreath now used for the Woolley medal, substituting for the inscription on that medal, the following legend: "David Hunt Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 1921 - 1929". The reverse is to bear the inscription: "In Appreciation of Just and Kindly Leadership".

They desire to obtain the medal in gold and do not care to expend in excess of $100. To strike a medal 3" in diameter and confine the expense to $100 will obviously necessitate making a thin medal. It is possible that you can use standard gold, and not fine gold, to keep down the expense and add as much as possible to the weight.

Will you please advise the Bureau if such a medal can be struck and engraved as suggested for not to exceed $100?

I am inclosing a sketch left at this Bureau by representatives of the Commissioner's Office. The only suggestion we have agreed to as to the inscription is that the name of Mr. Blair should be in larger letters than the balance of the inscription on the obverse. The arrangement of the letters on the sketch inclosed is not necessarily to be followed. The Officers who submitted the sketch were told that it would be better to leave the arrangement of the inscriptions entirely to the Sculptor.

In sending your estimate in a reply to this letter as to the possibility and cost of striking this medal, will you also ask Mr. Sinnock to submit a pencil sketch of the arrangement he would propose of the inscriptions.

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Philadelphia Mint - 2.

As Mr. Blair is likely to retire from office at any time, the Officers in charge of this matter are anxious to be ready with the medal as soon as possible.

Once we have an estimate from you, and the medal is agreed upon, they would also like to have prepared a case of blue leather with dark blue velvet lining. It is understood that the cost of the case will be in addition to that of the medal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

GR

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May 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith are being forwarded blank forms on which to solicit bids for certain services, such as furnishing of gas, electric current, etc., for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, next. These forms are similar to those used for the current fiscal year, and should be handled in the same way. The printed proposal will be supplemented by your letter of acceptance of the most favorable prices, and the proposal with letter of acceptance will constitute a contract. These should be executed in quadruplicate and be forwarded to the Bureau for approval. The original will go to the General Accounting Office, while the duplicate and triplicate will be returned to you, one copy for the contractor and the other for your files.

For telephone service a new form (Std. No. 40) has been prescribed. The Government's request, executed by the telephone company, constitutes the contract and no additional papers are required in connection therewith. Two copies, including the original, should be forwarded to the Bureau.

A special contract form (Std. No. 41) has been prescribed for coal, with supplemental forms. Since bids have already been

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obtained by the city Post Office the enclosed contract and bond forms should be executed (in quadruplicate) and the original be supported by abstract of agreement with copy of the bids, etc.

For all continuing services not covered by the enclosed forms, (laundry, etc.) and for such supplies as can be advantageously contracted for over a definite period of time, whether for the entire year or for only a portion of the year, it is directed that contracts be made by use of our regular proposal form No. 712, supplemented by your letter of acceptance. Contracts should not be entered into for such supplies as, in your opinion, can be more economically procured in definite quantity, from time to time, as required.

All contracts should be numbered in the regular series, as per instructions given heretofore. The series of numbers now in use should be used; that is, the contracts for the next fiscal year should not again begin with No. 1.

Respectfully,

N. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encls.

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May 13, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

50 ounces of proof gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1929.

Mr. John R. Sinnock,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Sinnock:

Your letter of May 11th and the bronze medal of Mr. Mills with alterations in the model were submitted to the Undersecretary. He is very much pleased with the new medal and believes it is a big improvement over the existing one.

Will you please regard this letter as authority to make future medals of Mr. Mills from the new die, and, as soon as it is convenient, will you please send two of the new medals in bronze to the Bureau with your account for the same?

Mr. Mills has asked me to tell you how much he appreciates your interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is inclosing a letter to Mr. Sinnock relative to the new design for Mr. Mills' medal.

Will you please give it to Mr. Sinnock at your convenience?

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the Denver Mint the following:

50 ounces proof gold,
100 ounces proof silver.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Commission of Fine Arts has suggested that the time for submitting designs for the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile medal should be extended to August 1st, and this letter is being written with the request that you advise Mr. Sinnock and Mr. Pietz of this decision.

It has also been suggested by the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts that more than one design may be submitted by each sculptor.

It is understood that Mr. Sinnock and Mr. Pietz are preparing models. Please advise them that in addition to the models they are preparing, they may also submit more than one design in the form of sketches, if they so desire.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Thirty Pairs of One-Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following certificates, covering offers of gold from Mexico, have been approved by the Secretary's Office and are returned to you herewith:

Affidavit, dated 5/10/29, of P. H. Stanford, Cashier, Union State Bank and Trust Company, Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 5/9/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/1/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/2/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/3/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/5/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/8/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/9/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/11/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/12/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/13/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/15/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/16/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/17/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/19/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/23/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/24/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/25/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 4/29/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 5/2/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 5/4/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 5/6/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Affidavit, dated 5/8/29, of Pierre Block, President, Block Brothers & Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

The other certificates or affidavits, not being entirely satisfactory, are being held here for further memorandum to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau believes that it may be of assistance to you to have a copy of a telegram received from the Union State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo, Texas, and a copy of the reply of the Department to the same.

This information may be of some guidance to you, and you will find inclosed the copies referred to above.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 13th in which you forwarded affidavits of the Cashier of the Union State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo and of the Bank's customers, and to our letter of May 15th returning a portion of the affidavits as correct, I am transcribing a copy of a memorandum received from the Secretary's Office covering those herewith which were regarded as imperfect by the Attorney of the Secretary's Office:

"There are six affidavits in the attached submission which are not satisfactory. I have placed numbers from 1 to 6, inclusive, on the lower left hand corner of those which I have questioned.

There are two affidavits executed by Eva Torchin as Local Treasurer of The Parisian. She has also executed an affidavit as bookkeeper of The Parisian. There is another affidavit executed by Sam Greenburg as manager of the same concern. It does not appear from the affidavits whether the concern is a partnership or a corporation. If a partnership, the affidavit should be executed by a member of the firm who should show in the affidavit that he is a partner. If, on the other hand, it is a corporation, the affidavit should be executed by an officer, and it should be recited in the affidavit that he has been duly authorized to execute an affidavit and to warrant title to the gold by the governing body of the corporation. I should require new affidavits from the proper representatives of The Parisian.

Also, in the case of the deposit made by the City Lumber Company, I would require that the affidavit be executed by one of the partners, if a partnership, or, if a corporation, that the affidavit recite that the officer who executes it was duly authorized to do so and to warrant title to the gold, by the governing body of the corporation."

"James J. Richter has executed an affidavit in behalf of Aug. C. Richter Dry Goods Store, indicating that he is 'a member of the mercantile establishment'. It is possible that James J. Richter is a partner but I should reject the affidavit and ask that he indicate in the affidavit that he is a partner, if such is the case. In rejecting this affidavit, I think it would be well to suggest that a blank line be inserted between the words 'mercantile establishment or business' and 'located in Laredo', line 5, so that the words 'an unincorporated firm', or 'a partnership', or 'a corporation' may be inserted therein. The affidavit form would then read in part:

'_____ of a mercantile establishment or business, a _____, located in Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and operated'"

Will you please advise the depositor of the defects of the affidavits and request revised certificates?

It is, of course, understood that you will withhold payment for the deposit until these affidavits have been perfected.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 15th, you are authorized to purchase from the Phelps Dodge Sales Co., Inc., for use in your minor coinage, 300,000 pounds of electrolytic copper, cast in 20 pound ingots, at $0.1805 per pound; this being the lowest of three bids received of four bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 15th, you are authorized to purchase six Underwood typewriters, as follows:

1 Model #5, with 84 characters, - - - - - - - - - -	$70.00
1 Model #3, 12" - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	75.00
1 Model #3, 16" - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	82.50
3 Model #3, 18" at $87.50 each - - - - - - - - - -	262.50
Total- -	$490.00

It is understood that, to apply on the purchase price of the above, you will turn in six old typewriters, at the following allowances:

1 L. C. Smith #5-215005 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$7.50
1 L. C. Smith #8-377385 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	20.00
1 L. C. Smith #3-8919 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	8.00
1 Underwood #3-233992, 16" - - - - - - - - - - - -	17.50
1 Remington #10-RS55103 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5.00
1 Monarch #3-74753 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5.00
Total - -	$63.00

Respectfully,

R. W. Stewart

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There is inclosed your check #41,966 for $17.76, as proceeds of uncurrent coin #41,966, payable to W. H. Moran, Chief Secret Service Bureau, Washington, D. C.

It appears that all of the scrap resulting from this coin was not tendered to you, and there is also inclosed sufficient standard gold coin scrap to make up the original uncurrent weight when received, namely, 482.5 grains.

Please proceed to cancel the inclosed check, and forward to this Bureau another check, drawn in favor of the same payee, basing your proceeds on the uncurrent weight of 482.5 grains.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Inclosures:
Check and Gold Scrap.
Via Registered Mail.

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May 18, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the the Bureau whether you have been able to check up on the stocks of alloy copper and minor coinage metals, and if so, the results thereof as compared with the book records.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

May 21, 1929.

Sir:

There is inclosed the usual annual letter, giving explicit directions for the preparation of the list of papers and documents on hand at your institution which should be regardes as of no practical value and of no historical interest.

Upon receipt of your list, a compilation will be made and the information transmitted to Congress with a request that authority be granted to destroy or otherwise dispose of the useless papers and documents.

Taking into consideration the interruption to usual business during the summer months on account of annual leaves, it is apparent that it will be necessary for you to undertake this listing immediately in order that it may be sent to the Bureau as promptly as possible for transmission through official channels to Congress.

Please direct that this work be undertaken promptly at your institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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May 21, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Styer:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Assistant to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, expressing appreciation for the medal prepared at your Mint, to be given by certain Officials to the retiring Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The Committee in charge of the presentation of this medal states that they desire to express their grateful appreciation for the skillful and artistic work done on the medallion by Mr. Sinnock.

Will you please convey this message to Mr. Sinnock for me?

Respectfully,

R. W. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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May 22, 1929.

Brown Instrument Company,
Wayne & Roberts Avenues,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:

There is forwarded to you today via Railway Express Agency, one Model 100 Indicating Pyrometer, graduated 0-3000°F., calibrated for couples Res. 0.575 ohms #15978, and one type "M" Portable Pyrometer, graduated 0-1600° C., calibrated for couples Res. 0.615 ohms #15977.

Please submit your estimate to standardize and make necessary repairs to these instruments.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

Q.

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May 23, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a purchase order from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for an automatic gold scale.

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the manufacture of this scale, ten beam, the price to be $6,000.00.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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May 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The affidavits inclosed in your letter of May 21st, executed by the President of the Laredo National Bank, covering consignments of 21,846 Mexican gold pesos sent to your Mint, are acceptable both as to form and substance.

The affidavits are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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May 23, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the affidavits inclosed in your letter of May 17th, we are today in receipt of the following memorandum from the Attorney in the Secretary's Office:

"I should accept all of the affidavits in the submission by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, involving 4 sacks containing $1,458 Mexican gold pesos from the Laredo National Bank, with the following exceptions:

Number	Executed by	Amount
2	Mexican-American Commercial & Banking Co. (Unine). by Domingo Gonzales (Treas.)	4,000 pesos
28	"	4,000 "
14	J. Villegas Ornelas	200 "
11	Harry Hessell by Sam Gurwitz	1,112 "
38	Franklin Bros. by Mose Franklin	1,375 "

Under the Tariff Act of September 21, 1922, those bringing merchandise into the United States, including gold bullion or coin, are required to declare it to the United States Customs officials, and a fine and imprisonment, as wellas the forfeiture of the merchandise, is prescribed in case any person voluntarily or knowingly receives, buys, sells, or in any manner facilitates the transportation, concealment or sale of such merchandise after importation, knowing same to have been imported or brought into the United States without having been declared. All of the foregoing affidavits except two, namely Nos. 2 and 28, indicate that the gold referred to therein was acquired in Mexico. The affidavits numbered 2 and 28 in pencil do not indicate whether the gold was acquired in Mexico or in this country. If acquired in Mexico by the person who has

executed the affidavit, it will be accepted provided the gold has been properly manifested or declared to the Customs officials, and if accompanied by appropriate evidence that the gold has been properly manifested or declared. That evidence would appear to be required in the case of affidavits numbered 1, 11, and 36. In the case of affidavits numbered 2 and 28, the same evidence will be required if the gold was acquired in Mexico; if it was not, a further affidavit will be required stating that the gold was acquired from merchants in the United States, who, in turn, accepted it in payment for merchandise, if such is the case.

In connection with the affidavits from the Mexican-American Commercial & Banking Co., I would suggest that they be instructed that in future they should give the names of the merchants from whom they obtained the gold, except where the gold was received in small amounts up to, say, $100."

The affidavits are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

T. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the request in your letter of May 23rd, you are authorized to purchase two Model #3 Underwood Typewriters, 11" wide, at $72.50 each, instead of one Model #5 at $70 and one Model #3, 12", at $75, as authorized in our letter of May 16th.

This letter will be your authority to amend our letter of May 16th in this respect.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your letter of May 23rd concerning typewriters, you are authorized to purchase one Remington typewriter, at a cost of $75.00, as per Item 18620 (a) (2) in the General Schedule of Supplies. It is understood that when purchasing this machine, you will turn in an old Remington typewriter, No. 10-RL86434, upon which there is an allowance of $15.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the affidavits inclosed with your letter of May 22nd, we are today in receipt of the following memorandum from the Attorney in the Secretary's Office:

"I should be inclined to reject the affidavits of the Mexican-American Commercial & Banking Company, numbered 2, 6, 8, and 9, on the ground that the names of the persons from whom the gold was purchased have not been stated. I should request a further affidavit from the banking company setting forth the names of the persons from whom the gold was acquired, except where the gold was received in small amounts up to, say, $100.00. If any of the gold was acquired in Mexico, I would ask that appropriate evidence be furnished that the gold was properly manifested or declared to the United States Customs officials when brought into the United States. The other affidavits are O. K."

The affidavits are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the Denver Mint the following:

20 reverse one-cent dies;
10 obverse one-cent dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of May 28th relative to the birth certificate of Mr. D. W. Morgan, an unclassified laborer at your Mint.

The original certificate is being returned to you, photostatic copies thereof having been made here this morning.

The Division of Appointments has advised the Bureau that the photostatic copy will be acceptable to that Office and to the United States Civil Service Commission in correcting the record of Mr. Morgan.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Via registered mail.

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May 27, 1929.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 10, 1929, addressed to the Philadelphia Mint, written in connection with a shipment made by you to the Mint of three packs of Mexican gold containing 10,000 pesos each, has been referred to me for attention to that part thereof in which you ask that if there is any reason why you should discontinue purchasing gold from your customers you be so advised.

The provision of law under which the Treasury acts in purchasing gold or bullion through the United States mints and assay offices is as follows:

> Section 3519, Revised Statutes: "Any owner of gold bullion may deposit the same at any mint to be formed into coin or bars for his benefit * * * "

It will be seen, therefore, that the Treasury is authorized to accept deposits of gold only from the "owners" thereof.

In addition, under the Tariff Act of September 21, 1922, (Secs. 484-5 and 593(b); appearing as Secs. 545-552 and 497 of Tit. 19, U. S. Code, those bringing merchandise into the United States are required to declare it and a fine and imprisonment, as well as the forfeiture of the merchandise, is prescribed in case any person fraudulently or knowingly receives, buys, sells, or in any manner facilitates the transportation, concealment, or sale of such merchandise after importation, knowing the same to have been imported or brought into the United States without having been declared. The word "merchandise" as used in the Tariff Act has been held to include gold. In this connection see Shaw v. United States (269 F. 26) and Lonzano v. United States (17 Fed. 2d Series, 7).

It will be seen from the foregoing that the Treasury is concerned, when purchasing gold, with making certain that the gold is not acquired except from the owner, and that it has not been brought into the United States without having been declared at the United States Customs offices. The Treasury Department has no desire to disturb the regular and legitimate business of merchants of Laredo or other places, where gold may be received within the United States in payment for merchandise, etc. In such cases the Treasury Department will accept affidavits from the owners of the gold, certifying as to its ownership and as to its origin, and giving an express warranty of title from the owner to the Government. As you know, the Treasury has been accepting gold from your bank when acquired by you from merchants located in the United States who, in turn, accepted it in payment for merchandise. Deposits of Mexican gold accepted by you from reliable parties who are residents of Northern Mexico and who are customers of your bank will

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also be accepted by the United States Mints and Assay Offices providing the gold has been properly manifested or declared to the United States Customs officials, and providing it is presented by you as owner and you will give an affidavit of ownership and a warranty of title to the United States and furnish appropriate evidence that the gold has been properly manifested or declared.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Henry Herrick Bond
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

B. M. Alexander, Esq.,
President, Laredo National Bank,
Laredo, Texas.

HJC:ftt

Bureau of the Mint, May 31, 1929.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for his information and guidance.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 29th, you are authorized to purchase from the Midvale Company, 2,000 pounds of 1-5/8" and 5,000 pounds of 1½" round tool steel, for dies, at $0.1475 per pound, and 500 pounds of 4½" round die steel at $0.1550 per pound; these prices being the lowest of three bids received of four bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 31, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing two copies of the Government Travel Regulations, effective March 1, 1929.

Will you please give one to Mr. Chaffin, and one to Mr. Weaver?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 31st relative to Mexican gold deposits, the Secretary's Office has reported as follows:

"I should accept these affidavits involving 31,705 pesos in Laredo National Bank shipment to Philadelphia Mint under #562. We have warranty for Laredo National as well as from Mex-American Banking Company, and, while I think latter affidavit misleading and vague, I do not think we ought to hold gold up further under circumstances."

This letter confirms telephone communication of this morning authorizing you to accept this gold.

The affidavits are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The appropriation law for the fiscal year 1930 makes a single appropriation for all expenses of all of the mints and assay offices, heretofore provided for in the several appropriations for salaries and wages and for contingent expenses. The title is "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1930." Rubber stamps carrying the name of the appropriation are being forwarded by the Bureau for your use. All such expenses will be listed together on the monthly schedules of disbursements and be carried as a single total to the account-current.

The portion of the appropriation alloted for use of your institution is $693,000.00 ($600,000 personnel and $93,000 other) apportioned by quarters as follows:

6.6.2 amended

1st Quarter	$160,000	172640
2nd "	170,000	174800
3rd "	163,000	181760
4th "	180,000	163800
		693,000

As heretofore these apportionments must not be exceeded, except in case of emergency involving the loss of life or the destruction of public property; such emergencies must be promptly reported to the Bureau. Unused amounts of prior quarters of the same fiscal year may be added to the current quarter. Should it be considered essential that the allotment or apportionments be changed, your recommendation to that effect, accompanied by a statement of conditions that fully explain and adequately support the recommendation, should be forwarded to the Bureau; but no obligations may be incurred on the basis of the recommendation until authorization to that effect has been made by the Treasury Department budget officer and been communicated to you by the Mint Bureau.

While the appropriations have been combined, it is desired that encumbrances, liquidations, etc., be separately reported for personnel expenses and other expenses, as heretofore. But reimbursements for foreign coinage and other work performed for others need not be separately stated under salaries and contingencies as in the past.

The combination of personnel costs with other expenses in a single appropriation will necessitate certain changes to provide data for preparation of the annual budget statements in support of the estimates to be submitted to Congress.

For the fiscal year 1929, and in future, the year's payroll expenditures will be reported separately for each repair and equipment class, or subdivision thereof under expenditure symbols 12, 3020, and 3050 as mentioned in Bureau letter of February 4, 1924, with the remainder of the total as a single item. Please note that repairs and alterations do not include renewals or replacements, which are classed as equipment in the prescribed classification; also that ordinary maintenance such as inspection and adjustment of balances, etc., should be classed with other operating expenses, not as repairs.

As the expenditures of each of the ten institutions under each class (expenditure symbol) or sub-class (see Bureau's letter of February 4, 1924), must be combined by the Bureau into a single classified statement for the entire field service, the application (or interpretation) of the symbol classification should be uniformly applied by the several institutions; when apparent lack of uniformity, as disclosed by the data on public vouchers, comes to attention, the Bureau will communicate with the field offices. Since the appropriation estimates with supporting data are required at such an early date following the close of each fiscal year the expenditure records should be kept up-to-date in order that when called for the estimates can be promptly forwarded to the Bureau, after adding amounts representing the unliquidated encumbrances.

Please note that the expenditures for the past year are to correspond with the classification records thereof, kept as heretofore directed, and that for salaries and wages the amounts that accrue to each group are to be shown in a separate column at right-hand side of sheet.

For the current year, make entries only when differences from last year are anticipated; each difference to be sufficiently explained by reference note to enable the Director and Budget Officer to decide whether it should be submitted to Congress as in harmony with administration policy. For supplies, repairs, equipment, etc., small differences are understood to occur regularly and to be wholly beyond fair estimating; therefore they need not be shown. But large differences, either relative or absolute, such as 100% in a small amount or $200 to $500 or more in a larger amount, should be shown and explained.

For the next fiscal year, make entries only when differences from the current year's figures are anticipated; they too are to be explained the same as are current year differences.

Totals for the current year and for the next year are to be determined by use of the prior year's figures as a basis, as per the sample computations. For the current year the total may not exceed the

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amount alloted to your institution unless there is also submitted a recommendation, adequately supported by reasons therefor, in detail, for a modification of the amount alloted.

Unless subsequently modified it is directed that future appropriation estimates be prepared along the lines of the enclosed sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-C
Encl.

SAMPLE OF APPROPRIATION ESTIMATES.

Items	Column 1 Next fiscal year's estimates where different (+) or (-) from column 2	Column 2 Current fiscal year's estimates where different (+) or (-) from column 3	Column 3 Expended and obligated last fiscal year	Actual amounts payable last year
Salaries and Wages				
Salary range $5600 to $6400, average $6000 -				
Superintendent -			1 $5,800.00	$ 5,800.00
Salary range $2000 to $2500, average $2250 -				
Clerk, principal - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			3 2,200.00	6,600.00
Junior Assayer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		3 $2,250 1/	2.8 2,215.00	6,203.12
Skilled Workman - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	11 $2,200 1/	9 2,200 2/	8.2 2,190.00	17,956.34
Salary range $1440 to $1740, average $1590 -				
Clerk -	0 2/		1 1,680.00	1,680.00
Helper -		6 1,621 3/	7 1,621.00	11,343.82
Salary range $1260 to $1560, average $1410 -				
Watchmen -	11 1,350 3/	13 1,350 4/	12.5 1,350.00	16,875.00
Elevator Conductor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			2 1,440.00	2,880.00
Laborer -			4 1,500.00	6,000.00
Etc.				
Temporary and overtime - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			2,016.00	2,016.00
Total average number of employees - - - - - - -	41	42	41.5	
01 Total salaries and wages - - - - - - - - - - - -	78,819	78,799	77,354.35	77,354.35
Salaries and wages brought forward - - - - - -	78,819	78,799	77,354.35	
0200 Stationery and Office supplies - - - - - - - -			116.90	
0220 Acids for refining and cleaning blanks - - -		+ 800 5/	8,014.12	
Other -			171.00	
0230 Coal -			960.00	
Gas -		- 200 6/	2,513.00	
0280 Crucibles and graphite goods - - - - - - - - -		+ 400 5/	1,610.85	
Other furnace supplies - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			536.19	
Lubricants -			112.66	
Other -			98.21	
02 Total supplies and materials - - - - - - - - -	15,133 4/	15,133	14,132.93	

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12	Repairs - furnace			
	machinery			
	refining apparatus			
	other			
12	Total repairs			
	Etc.			
	Total salaries and expenses	93,952	93,932	91,487.26
	Deduct amounts received and to be received for miscellaneous manufactures, including foreign coin -			
	a/c salaries and wages			1,625.56
	a/c other			740.14
		952 5/	932 7/	2,365.50
				89,121.78
	Unobligated balance			6,378.22
		93,000	93,000	95,500.00

Payroll Expenditures.

Repairs -	furnace			415.39
	machinery			329.12
	refining apparatus			106.25
	other			235.29
Equipment -	balances and weights	600 6/		196.52
	laboratory			62.15
	other 3020			
	furnaces and accessories			512.00
	etc.			
Other		600 6/		75,497.83
Total		78,819	78,799	77,5[illegible].55

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DIFFERENCE EXPLANATIONS.

Column 2.

1/	Increase	$ 548.	$	; due to lapses in prior year - temporary vacancies.
2/	"	1,842.		; regular force increased 5/1/29; prior lapses.
3/	Decrease		1,620	; regular force decrease.
4/	Increase	675.		; prior lapses.
		3,065.	1,620	
5/	Increase	1,200.		; minor coin requirements anticipated much higher than prior year on account of low stocks.
6/	Decrease		200	; reduction in price of 2¢ per 1000 cu. ft.
7/				Nominal; nothing now in view; probably will be something.

Column 1.

1/	Increase	$4,400.	$	; add to regular force for increasing refinery output.
2/	Decrease		1,680	; clerk to be retired; duties will be distributed to others.
3/	"		2,700	; gates to be installed, reducing need for 2 watchmen.
			4,380	
4/	-	-	-	Current year's increases for coinage to be applied next year to refinery output.
5/	-	-	-	Nominal.
6/	-	-	-	For manufacture of a large balance.

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COMPUTATIONS OF COLUMN TOTALS.

Total salaries and wages, column 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		$77,354.35
Column 2 differences, plus - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$3,065	1,445.00
minus -	1,620	
Total salaries and wages, column 2 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		78,799.35
Column 1 differences, plus - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4,400	20.00
minus -	4,380	
Total salaries and wages, column 1 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		78,819.35

Total supplies, equipment, etc., column 3 - - - - - - - - - -		14,132.93
Column 2 differences, plus - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,200	1,000.00
minus -	200	
Total supplies, etc., column 2 (also column 1 in this case)		15,132.93

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June 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 1st requesting numbering machines and stamps, please be advised that these articles are furnished by the Division of Supply, and we have forwarded your request to that Division, approved.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 1st, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from Streeter, Hackney & Company, fifty dozen pairs of reversible buckskin mittens, at $9.75 per dozen pairs; it being understood that this bid is the most advantageous to the Government.

It is further understood that these mittens, when worn out, will be burned so as to recover any precious metals which may be adhering thereto.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1929.

Salaries and Wages	$51,100.
Contingent Expenses	26,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the affidavits inclosed in your letter of June 1st.

The following memorandum, received from the Attorney in the Secretary's Office in charge of this matter, is transcribed for your information:

"I should accept all of the affidavits in the attached submission of June 1, 1929, from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint. There are minor discrepancies in the affidavits, but they are sufficient in substance, and I have no hesitation about passing them without further evidence.

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I think it would be well to notify the Superintendent of the Mint by telephone that these affidavits are acceptable."

It is understood that these affidavits cover all of the items now on hand and covered in your letter of June 1st.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1929.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " San Francisco, Calif.
" " " Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

The General Accounting Office has directed that, beginning July 1, 1929, all special deposit accounts shall be consolidated with the regular accounts. This means that both will be stated on a single account current and that there will be only one checking account thereafter instead of two, to care for the regular and special deposit account transactions.

At the end of June, 1929, any funds standing to your credit in the special deposit accounts that are not required for future use, should be deposited in the Treasury, using C/D form 1, and be stated on the special deposit and regular accounts current in the same manner as in the past. Any special deposit funds that are required for future use will be drawn out of the special deposit checking account by check bearing the special deposit account symbol, and be covered into the Treasury on C/D form 6599 to your checking credit under the regular account symbol. All future transactions of both the regular and special deposit accounts will be stated and handled under the one account symbol (regular).

Any unused checks on hand June 30, 1929, bearing the special deposit account symbol will be returned to the Secretary of the Treasury through this office, for cancellation.

A new edition of the regular account current, standard form 1019, will be printed for use beginning July 1, next, with amended arrangement of account titles to include those of the special deposit account, in the column at the left-hand side.

On the schedule of collections, standard form 1026, a separate section, following the other sections, should appear as under -

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Special Deposit Accounts.

Remitter.	Purpose.
Seigniorage on minor coinage	For minor coin distribution expenses and operative wastage - - - - -
Proceeds of bullion recovered from deposit operations	For meeting losses on bullion shipments - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
D. M. R. grains	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

June 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In connection with your execution of a new bond to become effective July 1, 1929, please be advised that all balances which otherwise would have been reported on your June accounts current as on hand June 30th should be shown as being transferred to new bond, and on your July accounts current should be shown as having been transferred from the old bond.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

June 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/5/7061, 4-27-29, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.
$10,000 in cents $241.20
M/5/7062, 5-8-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.
$25,000 in cents 654.65

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-4

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June 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There is returned to you today on Government Bill of Lading via Railway Express Agency, Inc., a package containing twenty pounds of lead sent here by you for the Bureau Laboratory.

This was sent in ingot form and, as it is desired in the customary 5-gram rilled sheets, please furnish the twenty pounds as desired.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 5th, you are authorized to purchase from Alloys and Products, Inc., 500 pounds of silicon copper, for use in your minor coinage, at 25¢ per pound; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 5th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from Alloys and Products, Inc., 10 pounds of "Dexology" at 60¢ per pound, F. O. B., New York.

It is understood that you cannot obtain competitive bids on this material because the firm above named are the exclusive producers of same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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June 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 5th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from Alloys and Products, Inc., 10 pounds of "Dexology" at 60¢ per pound, F. O. B., New York.

It is understood that you cannot obtain competitive bids on this material because the firm above named are the exclusive producers of same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please refer to Bureau letter of June 1, 1929, concerning appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, next, and amend the apportionment of the amount allotted for your use, $693,000.00, as follows:

1st Quarter - - - - - - - - - - - -	$172,640
2nd " - - - - - - - - - - - -	174,800
3rd " - - - - - - - - - - - -	181,760
4th " - - - - - - - - - - - -	163,800
	693,000

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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June 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Voucher No. 190 pertaining to your April special deposit account is enclosed for certification by the Superintendent, and return.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

E. F.

June 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There has been sent to you today under separate cover via registered mail a package containing a silver chloride bar weighing 27.90 ounces.

In return please supply the equivalent in proof inquartation silver, shot form.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ashley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 11th, you are authorized to purchase from J. Jacob Shannon & Co., one portable pipe-threading machine, equipped with a 220-volt motor, at a cost of $270.00 less 2% for payment in ten days; this being equal to the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 12th, you are authorized to purchase from George H. Prigger Company, all the necessary materials and labor required to manufacture and install a ventilating pipe leading from your melting room settling chamber to the outside at a total cost of $135.00; this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please find inclosed a $1 bill for which send to this Bureau a Hamilton medal in bronze.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 14, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 5, 1929, relative to canvas for coin bags, please be advised that the Department of Justice was informed by this Bureau of the statement in your letter that ~~it~~ the canvas quoted upon by the Department of Justice was of an unnecessarily high grade. Release was requested from the requirement to purchase through the Department of Justice from the Atlanta Penitentiary, and the Bureau is to-day in receipt of a reply, a copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage bill of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., as follows;

M/5/7688 5/25/29 Phila to Chicago 25,000 in cents $654.65

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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June 19, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing correspondence received this day from the Secretary of State relative to the manufacture of dies for the Chinese Government. Will you please advise the Bureau of the cost of preparing the master dies, and if, in your judgment, the Chinese Minister should be informed of the cost of making working dies, please include this amount in your report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/6/7821, 5-18-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio
$5,000 in cents $99.90

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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June 25, 1920.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be an authority for you to accept the proposal of the Miller, Bain, Beyer & Co. to supply your Mint with approximately 5,000 yards of heavy twill, 54" wide, firsts, full pieces, at $0.3299 per yard; this being the lower of two bids received out of three bids asked. It is understood that the Federal Penitentiary of Atlanta has given a release for the purchase of this material in the open market.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be an authority for you to accept a proposal of the Bergan Sheet Metal Works to supply your Mint with six sheet-metal coin tanks, large, at $46.50 each, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The usual annual report of operations during this fiscal year should be forwarded at an early date after the opening of the new fiscal year in July.

If any considerable expenditure on incomplete or "in process" non-reimbursable items for other mint service institutions has been made please separately indicate same, by items, on your report of non-reimbursable services for June; also please separately state the amount thereof on the report for the month in which delivery of such completed items is made.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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June 25, 1929.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " San Francisco, Calif.
" " " Denver, Colorado,
U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that in future the usual report on form 474-A, of domestic coin melted, be forwarded as early as practicable after the close of each quarter, as the information is required for use here soon after the close of the quarter.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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June 25, 1929.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Bureau as early as possible after the opening of the new fiscal year the usual annual report of operations. Your special attention to this request will be appreciated by this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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June 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning the affidavits covering Mexican gold and wish to confirm telephone communication of today stating that the affidavits are acceptable with the exception of the affidavit dated June 21st, executed by Hugh S. Cluck as Assistant Cashier and Paying Teller of the First National Bank of Laredo. The attorney of the Secretary's office has sent the following memorandum to the Bureau in regard to this particular affidavit:

> "The affidavit does not show whether or not the Assistant Cashier and Paying Teller was authorized by the Board of Directors of the bank to execute the certificate of ownership and warranty of title to the United States. In addition, the affidavit should show whether the 14,595 pesos covered thereby were received from depositors who are merchants residing in this country and who accepted the same in payment for merchandise, or whether the pesos were accepted from depositors who are residents of Mexico, and if the gold was accepted from depositors who are residents of Mexico, appropriate evidence should be furnished showing that the gold was properly manifested or declared to the United States Customs officials upon its entry into the United States."

Please take the necessary action to obtain a perfect affidavit for this particular item.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encls.

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June 27, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau whether the Norse-American medal was struck in two different thicknesses.

Please return the inclosed card with your reply.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Incl.

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June 28, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the affidavit of the Laredo National Bank; same having been inspected and approved by the legal representative of the Secretary's office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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June 28, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will confirm the telephone communication of this morning authorizing you to accept the proposal of W. T. Spivey Company to supply your institution with one piler-truck loader at a cost of $485.00; it is understood that this is the lowest of the three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Inclosed please find photographs of life-saving medals.

The Bureau has been asked by the Life-Saving Service of the United States, if a smaller die has ever been made for these medals. It has been stated that consideration is being given to the recommendation for a reduction to the size of a quarter dollar. If the medals are reduced to that size, the size of the bar will also have to be correspondingly reduced.

The representative of the Life-Saving Service has requested that we ask you for an estimate of cost of making a reduced die, and also the cost of striking the medals of the reduced size, as compared with the cost of the present medals in gold and silver.

Will you ask the engraver to send a pencil drawing of the obverse and reverse of these medals, as they would appear when reduced to the size of a quarter dollar, showing also the bar in reduced size.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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July 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the U. S. Assay Office at New York 50 ounces of proof gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1930:

Salaries and Expenses	$60,000
Transportation of Bullion & Coin, Mints & Assay Offices, F.Y. 1930	200

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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July 24 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Division of Bookkeeping & Warrants, Office of the Secretary of the Treasury, has this day been requested to place to your checking credit, the sum of $3,000, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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July 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Immediately upon receipt of this letter will you please communicate with the Bureau by letter, giving the value of Mexican gold received by your institution each month from January to June, inclusive.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of May.

Vo. No. 768, The Philadelphia Electric Company, is herewith returned for indication thereon of the meter readings, showing the "present" and "previous" readings.

Discount of 2% on Vo. No. 758, F. P. May Company, is offered by the General Schedule of Supplies Catalogue on the item covered by the voucher, which discount amounting to 6¢ was not deducted on the voucher.

Assay report No. 5683 Art Jewelers, describes the deposit as white gold, for which an extra charge of $1.00 should have been imposed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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July 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of memorandum dated July 3, 1929, received from the attorney of the Secretary's office having in charge the matter pertaining to Mexican gold deposits, together with copies of letters of the Assistant Secretary and Undersecretary of the Treasury in regards to affidavits covering these deposits, for your information and proper action.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encls.

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July 9, 1929.

Contingent Expenses, Office of
Director of the Mint, 1930.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisco, Calif.
" " Denver, Colorado.
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " U. S. " " Helena, Mont.
" " " U. S. " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " U. S. " " Boise City, Idaho.
" " " United States Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " " " " Carson City, Nevada.

New Insurance contract effective July first on shipments bullion and coin (stop) Mail shipment insurance notices to and change name threon to Marsh and McLennan, Inc., 80 Maiden Lane, New York, N. Y.

O'Reilly,

Acting Director.

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July 10, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is today in receipt of a communication from the office of the Treasurer of the United States, in which he gives the following estimates of the coin requirements at your mint for the remainder of the calendar year:

Quarter Dollars - - - - - - - -	$2,500,000.
Dimes - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,500,000.
Nickels - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,700,000.
Cents - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,600,000.

Will you please make such arrangements as will enable you to accomplish this coinage as nearly as practicable without overtime for the present.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 10, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury relative to the model of the Lindbergh medal. I am quoting the following which pertains to Mr. Pietz:

> "The Secretary, on my recommendation, has decided not to accept any of the designs submitted. You will accordingly notify the parties in interest to this effect. The appropriation will of course lapse and it should be requested in the next appropriation.
>
> * * * * * * * * * *
>
> "Will you also please advise Mr. Pietz that while in general we like the reverse of the design that he submitted, we think the border should be eliminated or changed as there is too much fine printing which would be undecipherable when reduced, and that the head on the face of the medal did not seem to be a good representation of Colonel Lindbergh as a matter of portraiture. We would be glad to have Mr. Pietz submit a new face model, if he desires, together with the suggested change on the reverse. He also will appreciate that there will be no appropriation until Congress passes on the matter again.
>
> "I think it should be stated to both Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Pietz, unless you have some other person in mind who ought to be invited to submit new designs, that they are the only two who are to resubmit."

Will you please deliver this letter to Mr. Pietz. It is understood by the Bureau that the Director has verbally discussed the matter with you and Mr. Pietz during his visit to your mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a correspondence received today from the State Department regarding the proposed coinage for the Government of Costa Rica.

With the return of this correspondence will you please give the Bureau the necessary information to make an appropriate reply.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Encl.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/6/8145, 6-1-29, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky.	
$2,000 in cents	$51.08
M/6/8316, 6-4-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65
M/6/8315, 5-29-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$8,000 in cents	159.86
M/6/8502, 6-1-29, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.	
$10,000 in cents	241.20

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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July 12, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In considering the status of your contingent appropriation allotment for the fiscal year 1929 it is noted that, after considering your report of appropriation transactions for the month of June, your net encumbrances for the year total approximately $106,000. Since encumbrances may not be created against the 1929 appropriation after the close of June, 1929, it is understood that the material additional amounts assigned for your use from earnings will not be obligated and that the excess amounts advanced will be repaid into the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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July 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The claim for reimbursement of Merck & Company, $45.00, allowance on empty carboys, which was erroneously deducted from their voucher of September 24, 1928, and attached papers, received with your letter of July 2, have been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, approved for settlement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

July 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/6/8709, 6-5-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio
$5,000 in cents 99.90
M/6/8706, 6-11-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.
$25,000 in cents 654.65

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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July 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to this Bureau a medal of President Lincoln.

You will find inclosed a $1 bill in payment therefor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

July 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Twenty pairs of one-cent dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

July 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please find inclosed a $2 bill in payment for the medals of Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Mills.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1929.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

For your future guidance, attention is invited to the following copy of decision of the Comptroller General of the United States, dated January 11, 1929:

COMPTROLLER GENERAL McCARL TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
JANUARY 11, 1929.

"I have your letter dated December 22, 1928, in reference to excess deliveries under contract NI-71s-3641, dated May 27, 1927, with the Columbia Sand & Gravel Co., which called for delivery at the navy yard, Washington, D. C., of approximately 1,000 tons of wash gravel, 800 tons of concrete sand, and 100 tons of building sand, total amount of contract $2,616, when there were actually delivered and paid for gravel and sand to the amount of $4,596.35, or $1,980.35 in excess of the amount provided under the terms of the contract.

You refer to the fact that the contract was to cover deliveries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927, and ending June 30, 1928; also, to the clause that the quantities were estimated only, the Government reserving the right to order more or accept less as the needs of the service demanded. You conclude with the statement that it was the mutual understanding that the contractor would deliver the requirements for the fiscal year irrespective of the quantity designated in contract.

In the present case there was an aggregate of more than 75 per cent in excess of the quantities stipulated in the contract.

While it may be proper in inviting bids and making contracts to provide for a reasonable variance from the quantities stated, this should be done by specifying not exceeding a maximum percentage for such variance - such as 10 per cent or 20 per cent, depending upon the articles or supplies to be purchased - so that the bidder may know the maximum quan-

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tity he may be called upon to furnish, and so that the maximum amount of the obligation against the appropriation may be determined at the time the contract is made. And where it is found that a quantity in excess of the maximum percentage variance is required such excess should be purchased independently of the original contract and after proper advertising.

It is possible that if bids had been requested in the present case with a greater degree of definiteness as to the quantity lower bids might have been submitted, and that some bidders may have been deterred because of the unlimited quantity that could have been called for under the terms of the contract. See A-25679, dated September 26, 1928; A-24281, dated October 27, 1928.

However, in the present case, the payments for the excess purchases will not be further questioned at this time because of lack of proper advertising, but the procedure should be corrected as herein indicated."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

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July 17, 1929.

Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.
" " " " San Francisco.
" " " " Denver.
" U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 20, 1929, a small supply of a new edition of the bullion account current form 948-A to E was forwarded you. Please retain same for use after the old stock has been exhausted. The new edition should not be used in combination with the old as they will not "register" for the purpose of making carbon copies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

OR

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July 18, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of July 17th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of John R. Rowand to supply your Mint, between now and January 1, 1930, with approximately 5,000 pounds of pulverized pine charcoal at 4½¢ per pound, and approximately 10,000 pounds of granulated pine charcoal at 3¾¢ per pound; these being the only bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith please find copies of approved contracts Nos. T2m-104 to 111 for supplying services and supplies to your institution during the fiscal year 1930.

Please forward contract bond in amount $250.00 to support contract No. T2m-112 with J. H. Brown for removing ashes and rubbish, as per requirement in specifications.

Concerning contract No. T2m-103 with the Philadelphia Electric Company for supplying current during the fiscal year 1930, it is noted that the contract form of the Electric Company, which carries a later date than their proposal on the Government form to which it is attached, was signed by you, this probably having the effect of making the terms of the company's contract-form supersede and nullify those of the Government's proposal form. In this connection reference is made to Bureau's letter to you dated January 30, 1929, at the time original contract with the Electric Company was made, directing that your acceptance be in the form of a letter instead of by signing the Electric Company's contract form. In view of the above, there is being enclosed an approved acceptance of the proposal of the Electric Company, with request that same be signed by you and used in connection with this contract, which will give effect to the terms of the Government's proposal form. After signing, please forward two copies to this office to accompany the two copies of the contract retained here.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encls.

July 18, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of July 17th, you are authorized to purchase from Streeter, Hackney & Co., 20 dozen pairs of buckskin mittens at $9.75 per dozen pairs; this being the lowest of three bids received.

It is understood that when these mittens are worn out, they will be burned in order to recover any precious metals which may be adhering to them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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July 20, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint the following:

10 Obverse Half Dollar Dies;

5 Reverse Half Dollar Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

We have just received a letter from the Department of State relative to the cancellation of the contract of the coinage for Ecuador. The State Department has no objection to the cancellation of the contract provided the Guaranty Trust Company or the National Bank of Commerce makes settlement with us for any loss occasioned by the making of blanks, etc.

Please write to either or both of these Banks, telling them the cost of cancelling the order, and ask if they are willing to pay it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone request of today, please send to the Denver Mint the following:

Ten Pairs of Nickel Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Denver Mint the following:

10 Obverse Half Dollar Dies.

5 Obverse Quarter Dollar Dies.

10 Pairs Dime Dies.

10 Obverse one-cent Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of July 22nd, you are authorized to purchase from the Singer Sewing Machine Company, three new heads for the Singer power machines, No. 31-15, at $43.25 each; this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

It is understood that the Singer Company will make an allowance of $5.00 on each of the old heads, a total allowance of $15.00, provided you surrender same when the new heads are purchased.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/6/9033, 6-22-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	$654.65
M/6/9034, 6-24-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65
M/6/9035, 6-19-29, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky.	
$20,000 in nickels}	
$2,000 in cents }	228.62
M/6/9036, 6-20-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65
M/6/9037, 6-19-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65
M/7/9215, 6-13-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$5,000 in cents	99.90
M/7/9216, 6-13-29, Philadelphia to Nashville, Tenn.	
$2,000 in cents	55.91
M/7/9217, 6-18-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$5,000 in nickels}	
$5,000 in cents }	135.48
M/7/9219, 6-19-29, Philadelphia to St. Louis, Mo.	
$20,000 in nickels}	
$25,000 in cents	890.98
M/7/9221, 6-18-29, Philadelphia to Cincinnati, Ohio	
$3,000 in nickels}	
$2,000 in cents	70.50

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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July 24, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will introduce to you Mr. Robert Clifford who wishes to view the operations of your Mint.

Mr. Clifford is the son of Honorable Edward Clifford, recently an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will see that every courtesy is extended to Mr. Clifford in the furtherance of his desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1929.

Honorable Edward Clifford,
3033 -M- Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clifford:

Complying with your request in your telephone conversation this morning with my Private Secretary, I take pleasure in inclosing a letter, addressed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, introducing your son, Mr. Robert Clifford, who wishes to view the operations of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to this Bureau a medal in bronze of Secretary Mellon.

You will find herewith a $1 bill in payment therefor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of DeLanoy, Kipp and Swan, Inc., $3.78, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of June. The rate $.0386 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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July 30, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bill of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., as follows:

M/7/9550 Boston from Phila 6/25/29 $100,000 in nickels $756.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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July 31, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to this Bureau a copy of the furlough and rating card used for employees of our Service.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 31, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for blank checks, symbol 15088 and 15087, dated July 30th, has been received and in this connection you are advised that no copy for the use of the Public Printer has been forwarded for the printing of duplicate and triplicate checks, which should show the exact position of the number of the check to be printed thereon and the exact size of the form in question.

Similar information should be furnished in the future when ordering similar checks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

H-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

August 1, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send, via express collect, 50 medals in bronze and 5 medals in silver of Assistant Secretary Bond to:

Mrs. Henry Herrick Bond,
267 Linden Street,
Waltham, Massachusetts.

Kindly send invoice for same to Honorable Henry Herrick Bond, in care of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Department of State inclosing a copy of a translation of a note written by the Minister of Costa Rica which reads in part as follows: "I have sent to the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia the samples of the money, the dies of which is desired and I have instructed the National City Bank of New York to do likewise with the dies."

As soon as the above-mentioned are received by you, please send to this Bureau an estimate of the cost of the coinage desired by the Government of Costa Rica, so that an appropriate letter in the premises may be transmitted to the Department of State.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal yezr 1930

Salaries and Expenses $55,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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August 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Thirty Pairs of One Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
O.R.

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August 3, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your 1931 appropriation estimates, received today, please provide the following additional information.concerning the 1929 expenditures:

Segregation of telegraph, telephone, and other communication expenses.

Castings - for what subhead of equipment were these procured, also the electric motors.

Detailed items under "supplies and materials" are short $14.74 of the total.

Information should be supplied in accordance with the classification heads and subheads prescribed in the Bureau's directions, although we are glad to have such additional detail as is being given. Unless we are able to identify the items as per our prescribed classification we are unable to combine like data for all of the institutions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of this morning, please send to the Denver Mint the following:

30 Pairs Nickel Dies;
12 Nickel Collars for Large Presses;
18 One-Cent Collars for Large Presses.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to our letter to you of April 16, 1929, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Nicaragua, please consider this letter as your authority to execute this coinage as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Scovill Manufacturing Company to furnish your Mint with 200,000 pounds of nickel blanks at 52¢ per pound; this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

It is understood that the Scovill Manufacturing Company is to be allowed to furnish not to exceed 15% more than 200,000 pounds, to care for the scrap incident to the manufacture of the above mentioned blanks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The inclosure was submitted to the Bureau by Mr. Belden with the statement that it was made at the Philadelphia Mint. Is this true, and can you give us any information about it?

With your reply please return the inclosure.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send a formal letter in triplicate, dropping Mr. Robert Falconer from the rolls as of July 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Under separate cover, registered, I am returning two silver medals and one bronze medal of Mr. Bond.

The medals have been discolored from moisture, either on the medals or in the case when they were packed.

Will you please send three medals to replace these as soon as convenient?

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of June:

Herewith please find one copy of the regular account current with request that it be amended as per pencil notations thereon to include the amount of the unused balance of the special deposit account, $4,880.62, deposited June 20, 1929. The schedule of collections is also inclosed for like amendment.

Please forward a memorandum showing meter readings for attaching to voucher No. 799 covering the May bill of the Philadelphia Electric Company.

Deposit No. 5338, made by the Williams Gold Refining Company, weighed over 2,700 ounces and should have carried a melting charge of $2.80. The melting charge actually assessed was $1.

A copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Annual Settlement Committee is inclosed for your information and future guidance.

The report of the Settlement Committee indicated their acceptance of values under seals, among which were those contained in Vault F, Cage 7, and Vault B. These "seals" are shown as covering invoices (of values) contained in outside envelopes, the invoices having been checked and found correct, and sealed by representatives of the Bureau and of the Superintendent. These so-called "seals" are unsatisfactory in that the values are not definitely stated over the signatures of the representatives, and in that it evidently would be possible to change or substitute the invoices inclosed in the envelopes without the knowledge of the "representatives" or of Settlement Committees. Seals, to be acceptable, should definitely state the quantities or values over the signatures of those who have personal knowledge that such quan-

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titles or values are contained within the compartment, and the seals should be so prepared that it will not be possible to alter the certificate of contents of the compartment, or to open same, without altering the seal and its wrappings in such a way that it would be perfectly apparent to anyone examining the seal. It is suggested that this be brought to the attention of the representatives of the Bureau and of the Superintendent, for future guidance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encls.

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August 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/7/9769, Philadelphia to New York, N. Y.
6-27-29, $100,000.00 in cents }
6-26-29, $150,000.00 in nickels} $1250.00
6-19-29, $100,000.00 in nickels}

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-A

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August 9, 1929.

Sir:

Herewith please find a small supply of a revised edition of Forms 1012 and 1012-A, "Public Voucher for Reimbursement of Travel and Other Expenses Including Per Diem".

The Comptroller General of the United States has directed that this new form be used for any travel during the month of August, 1929, and subsequently. It is, therefore, directed that all old editions of travel vouchers be destroyed in order that difficulties may not be experienced when accounts are taken up for audit.

Particular attention is invited to the amended form of oath or affirmation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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August 12, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing Mr. Bond's personal check for $170.86 for two lots of his medals, together with the cases for the first order.

Mr. Bond desires to obtain cases for the last lot of medals sent; will you please order them for him?

Will you please suggest to the manufacturer of the cases that they be not delivered until they are thoroughly dry for the reason that some of the medals in the first order were discolored by coming in contact with what appeared to be some moisture in the velvet lining of the cases?

Upon receipt of the second lot of cases, Mr. Bond will send his check to you. Please send the bill therefor to the Bureau, the bill to be rendered in Mr. Bond's name.

The cases, when completed, are to be shipped to:

Mrs. Henry Herrick Bond,
257 Linden Street,
Waltham, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1929.

Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.
" " " " San Francisco.
" " " " Denver.
" U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Data recently received pertaining to the estimates of appropriation requirements for the fiscal year that will begin July 1st, next, particularly those covering expenditures of the fiscal year 1929 and anticipated use of amounts available for the fiscal year 1930, have been more satisfactory than has been the case in any prior recent year, and the Bureau desires to express its appreciation of that fact.

However, there are one or two items which should be brought to attention with the idea of further improvement in the future.

Material amounts were reported as expended for salaries and wages in the making of repairs and equipment, although apparently only partially distributed to the several subclasses; while in the case of some subclasses material amounts are shown as salary and wage costs, with no supplies having been classed as procured specially for the work. It is recognized that supplies are often taken from the general stock, but it seems probable that where material amounts are expended for labor on repairs or equipment some supplies are procured specially for the specific jobs; and in such cases they should be recorded accordingly, as per the classification pamphlet instructions.

Information should be supplied each year under each of the classification heads (symbols) and subheads prescribed from time to time in the Bureau's directions, although we are pleased to receive such additional detail as has been supplied. If amounts pertaining to two or more of the prescribed heads or subheads are reported to us in combination we will not be in position to combine like data for all of the institutions until the required details are supplied, with consequent delay and correspondence.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

August 14, 1929.

Sir:

Please send to the Bureau a list showing the values of the individual deposits of Mexican gold made at your institution by the Union Bank and Trust Company of Laredo, Texas, the Laredo National Bank of Laredo, Texas, and any other banks shipping Mexican gold to your institution.

Reference is made to deposits made since warranties of title have been asked for.

The list should include shipments which came from those banks on their own account and for which they (the banks) presented warranties of title, and also in case the deposits were made by any other bank for the account of those banks with warranties of title.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

P. S. Affidavits covering deposits of Mexican gold, submitted by you to the Department for examination, were returned to you yesterday, August 15th.
This will confirm telephone communication to you of August 13th advising you to accept these deposits.

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August 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has been requested by Assistant Secretary Bond's Office to obtain a copy in gold of the Treasury seal in the form of a disc about the size of a nickel. The inclosed copy of the great seal is sent to you for guidance as to the thickness of the disc desired. It is to be used as an inset in the silver case of a desk clock.

Will you please telephone to the Bureau as soon as possible and inform us if you have a die which will enable you to make this disc and the cost thereof?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1923.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a self-explanatory from Mr. George F. McHugh.

In case a vacancy exists, and you desire to reemploy Mr. McHugh, he is eligible for reinstatement.

No action will be taken in this matter until after the receipt of your reply.

With your reply, please return the inclosed letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, Bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/7/9768, 6-19-29, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn.	
$12,000 in nickels)	292.19
5,000 in cents)	
M/7/10247, 7-13-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$5,000 in cents	99.90
M/7/10460, 6-20-29, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.	
$20,000 in nickels)	651.06
$20,000 in cents)	
M/7/10847, 7-18-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$5,000 in cents	99.90

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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August 19, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, please forward as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

10 Obverse Half Dollar Dies;
5 Reverse Half Dollar Dies;
5 Pairs Quarter Dollar Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telephone communication of today, asking you to submit to this Bureau an estimate of the cost of the following coins for the Government of Uruguay:

No. of coins	Metal	Denomination	Weight Grams	Fineness	Diameter Millimeters
100,000	Gold	Five pesos	8.485	917	22
2,500,000	Silver	Twenty cents	5	800	25
5,000,000	Copper	Ten cents	8	91% copper 9% aluminum	27

For your information, please find below an exact copy of the cablegram received regarding this matter:

"Please inform us by cable your terms for following coinages for Uruguay Government including metals discus stamps etc one hundred thousand gold coins five pesos each weight eight grams four hundred and eighty five thousandths STOP Alloy nine hundred and seventeen diameter twenty two millimetres STOP Two million five hundred thousand twenty cents silver coins weight five grams fine eight hundred diameter twenty five millimetres STOP Five million copper coins ten cents each weight eight grams alloy ninety one per cent pure copper and nine per cent aluminum diameter twenty seven millimetres STOP We would supply drawings and stamps for modelling and engraving STOP Answer urgent by cable"

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Denver Mint the following:

Ten Reverse Dime Dies
Ten Obverse Dime Dies

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 20th, you are authorized to accept the bid of Lees & Sanders, Ltd., of Birmingham, England, on M. & R. sweeps, amounting to $1,896.00; this being the only bid received of seven bids asked.

It is understood that these sweeps are in 79 containers, weighing 12,226 avoirdupois pounds, and contain 18.238 ounces of fine gold and 38.462 ounces of fine silver per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 24, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please be advised that the appropriation symbol numbers for the fiscal year 1930 are as follows: Salaries and Expenses, 20 510; Transportation of bullion and coin, 20 505; Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 20 103. Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 9, 1928, and amendment thereto dated July 16, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

August 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith please find report on form 900, of Melting and Refining Department operations on gold and silver bullion at the Philadelphia Mint for the fiscal year 1929. Kindly return same after amending as to the ingot melting room operations, with particular reference to the apparent discrepancies between the data on this form and those contained in your annual report dated August 8, 1929.

It is also requested that the amounts of gold and silver operated upon be indicated on last line under first section of the form - "Department Proper". As previously explained, it is intended that the quantities to be shown on this line are quantities actually operated upon, not column totals of what has been entered above. For statistical purposes it is not considered that metals merely received and stored have been operated upon. Please advise the Bureau whether the quantities appearing under the heading of "Ingot Melting Room Operations" are the amounts which have been operated upon by the Department Proper. It is noted that in the case of gold and nickel the quantities indicated as having been secondarily melted very largely exceed those primarily melted, while in the case of silver and bronze the quantities primarily melted are the larger. The Bureau would appreciate information as to the reasons for this apparent inconsistency.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-B
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

August 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 28th, you are authorized to purchase from the Alloys & Products, Inc., 12,000 pounds of phosphor-copper, at $0.2015 per pound, less 1/2 of 1% 10 days; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1929.

Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.
" " " " San Francisco.
" " " " Denver.
" U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Gentlemen:

Under date of August 29, 1929, the General Accounting Office has requested that in future the size (say $500; or 10 oz.), and fineness (say under .999; or .999+), of gold bars issued in payment to depositors of bullion be noted on the assayer's reports, in order that they may be enabled to verify the rates and amounts charged for such bars. Please be governed accordingly, effective on all deposits pertaining to the month of September, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/S/11511, 7-30-29, Philadelphia to Nashville, Tenn.
$1,000 in cents $27.96

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
For R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1930:

Salaries and Expenses - - - - - - - - - - - $57,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-4

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send us soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Thirty Pairs of One Cent Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Complying with your request of September 3rd, there is inclosed 0.10 ounce of Bureau Proof #5 which has been reported by spectrochemical analysis of the Bureau of Standards as 999.93 fine.

The correction of .07 thousandth was added in reporting the Bureau results on your Proof Gold Bar #10.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Via registered mail.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 4th, you are authorized to purchase from the A. Berkman Company, 2,000 yards of olive-drab drill, light weight, 34-35" wide, at $0.17½ per yard; this being the lowest of three bids received of four bids asked.

It is understood that clearance was obtained by you from the Department of Justice before awarding this contract.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith please find carbon copy of voucher together with check in the sum of $600.00 issued by the Navy Department, apparently covering medals supplied them by you. If such is the case and the check should have been made payable to you, please take the matter up with the disbursing officer of the Navy Department, with request that an amended check be issued and sent you; otherwise please return the enclosures to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encls.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

One copy of the July regular account current is herewith returned for correction as per pencil notations on the reverse thereof. The unexpended balances re-deposited by certificates of deposits 1 and 6 should be shown; amounts deposited to your checking credit (in this case $5.36) should not be shown as treasury deposits on reverse of the regular account current. The total of Treasury deposits on reverse of regular account current should agree with the column total of Treasury deposits on face of regular account current.

The symbols pertinent to the 1930 appropriations have been annulled on the regular account current; also wherever necessary on the account papers.

Abstract of agreement attached to Vo. No. 35 is herewith returned for notation on reverse as to whether the lowest bid was accepted.

Deposit certificate No. 122 is herewith returned for correction of the net value in the certificate; the amount now shown is the gross value.

The Bureau apparently did not receive retirement deduction statement for the June payroll; please forward same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Bureau is unable to locate your report of non-reimbursable services for others for the month of January, 1929. Will you forward same or copy thereof if a report was forwarded at the usual time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward as promptly as possible to the Denver Mint the following:

Twenty-five pairs of nickel dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the inclosed quarter-dollar, taken from your Delivery No. 42, September 6, 1929, your attention is invited to the poor condition of the head of "Liberty" thereon.

After examining the coin, will you please return the identical piece to this Bureau for assay?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Via registered mail.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 13, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the New York Assay Office the following:

Fifty ounces of proof gold.

Fifty ounces of proof silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 13, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the execution of the following coinage for the Government of Costa Rica:

No. of pieces	Denomination	Cost per 1,000 pieces
1,500,000	5 centimos	$2.50
500,000	10 centimos	2.75

It is understood that this coinage is to be executed upon the terms indicated in your letter of August 20, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 13, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 13th, and confirming telephone communication of the same date, you are authorized to purchase from Phelps-Dodge Sales Corporation, for use in your minor coinage, 300,000 pounds of electrolytic copper at the rate of $0.1805 per pound; this being the lowest of four bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a letter received from the Denver Mint in regard to dies. Please turn the above over to Mr. Sinnock.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 17, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/S/11842, 8-3-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio $5,000 in cents	$ 99.90
M/S/12163, 8-14-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio $10,000 in nickels) $5,000 in cents)	170.96
M/S/12162, 8-15-29, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky. $20,000 in nickels	177.64

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 17,.1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 16th, you are authorized to purchase from the Toledo Scale Company, for use in your make-up department, one counter-type, automatic scale, of 20-pound capacity, with troy weight graduations, at a cost of $148.68; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 18, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 17th, you are authorized to purchase the following metals for use in your minor coinage:

8,000 pounds of slab zinc, from Nathan Trotter & Company, at $0.0824 per pound; this being the lowest of three bids received.

2,000 pounds of Straits tin, from the U. S. Smelting Works, at $0.4625 per pound; this being the lower of two bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 21, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 20th, you are authorized to purchase from A. Berkman Company, approximately 10,000 yards of muslin, 54" wide, for use in making coin and anode bags, at $0.1745 per yard; this being the lowest of three bids received of four bids asked.

It is understood that, before inviting bids on this material, you had a release from the Department of Justice to purchase in the commercial market.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

September 24, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Fifteen obverse dime dies.

Fifteen reverse dime dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Denver Mint the following:

Ten Pairs of Quarter Dollar Dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of yesterday concerning the claim of Merck & Company, Inc., for $45.00, in connection with the carboy account with them as successors to Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten Company, it is requested that properly executed evidence, that Merck & Company, Inc., as successors to Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten Company are entitled to receive moneys which apparently were due the firm last named, be forwarded for attaching to the claim; or if such evidence is on file with one of the vouchers in the General Accounting Office, information be supplied as to where such evidence may be found. Evidence, as above, will doubtless be required by the General Accounting Office before passing upon the claim.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 27, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/9/12688, 8-22-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio
$15,000 in nickels)
$10,000 in cents) 306.34
M/9/12689, 8-26-29, Philadelphia to Nashville, Tenn.
$5,000 in cents 139.58

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

September 28, 1929.

Mr. Adam Pietz,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Pietz:

Your sketches of designs for the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile medal have been before the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commission of Fine Arts. It is suggested that the sketch marked "B" might be considered for the reverse of the medal. Consideration has been given to the model designed by Mr. Sinnock for the obverse. It is hence suggested that a restudy be made of your design with a view to further consideration by the Secretary for its combination with Mr. Sinnock's model for the obverse.

It is requested that this restudied design be forwarded to the Department not later than November 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 28, 1929.

Mr. John R. Sinnock,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Sinnock:

Your model of a design for the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile medal has been before the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commission of Fine Arts with other models and designs. It is suggested by the Commission that the plaster model returned to you be restudied for the purpose of further development. Some consideration was given to combining your model for an obverse, marked "A", with the sketch submitted by Mr. Pietz, marked "B", for the reverse. The development mentioned should be with this suggestion in mind.

It is requested that the restudied design be forwarded to the Department not later than November 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1929.

Sir:

In accordance with the Act, approved June 18, 1929, the President has issued a proclamation providing for the appropriate display of the flag of the United States upon all governmental buildings in the United States on October 11, 1929, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of General Pulaski.

It is understood by this Bureau that the flag is flown on your building each day. It is, however, deemed appropriate to call your attention to this special Act of Congress and the Proclamation of the President in connection with the flying of the flag on this particular date.

The flag should be flown at the peak.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Octgber 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1930.

Salaries and Expenses $60,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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October 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Reference is made to your appropriation transactions statement for the month of September, received this day. According to the schedule of disbursements accompanying public vouchers, the disbursements against the 1929 contingent appropriation should be $529.98 instead of $20,457.73; if the total of the encumbrances liquidated during the month of September, for the same appropriation, is correct, the amount of the encumbrances unliquidated at the end of the month should be $60.19 instead of $56.19. Please forward corrected statement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

O.R

P. F.

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October 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 3rd, you are authorized to purchase from Streeter, Hackney & Co., 50 dozen pairs of reversible buckskin mittens, heavy stock, at $9.75 per dozen pairs; this being the lowest of three bids received.

It is understood that, after these mittens are worn out, they will be burned up in order to recover any precious metals which may be adhering to them.

Respectfully,

[illegible] Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Last sheet of schedule of disbursements pertaining to your August accounts is herewith enclosed for correction as per pencil notations thereon.

Original of the schedule of collections is enclosed for amendment as per pencil notations. The seigniorage items carried into the "amount" column should be those shown on form 193, with the portion placed in the special deposit account separately stated under that head. This is a sort of transition sheet, of items from the original vouchers to the account current; therefore the amounts on original vouchers should not be split up, except where really necessary for proper stating, while items shown separately on the account current should not be totaled on the schedule, and vice versa.

Voucher No. 133, W. T. Spivey Co., one piler-truck loader; please forward copy of your solicitation of bids, also copy of Bureau authority for making the purchase.

On page 3, bullion account current, the "value" closing balance in the Minor Coinage Metal Fund Depositary Account was in the "ounces" column; correction has been made in this office.

On the regular account current the closing balance of the 1930 Salaries and Expenses appropriation is stated as $535.94, which has been corrected to $63,535.94.

On future regular accounts current symbols should not be inserted against the special deposits items. The symbol so shown on the August account current applies equally to the appropriations, against which it was not shown. The showing of this symbol in the heading of the account current is sufficient.

Please advise the Bureau where record can be found of the purchase July 28, 1929, of minor coinage zinc, in order that verification can be made of price charged on August sale to Nicaragua.

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The figures on the carbon copies of the August accounts current supplied us are quite indistinct. As they constitute our only record we would appreciate clear copies in future.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Fucls.

October 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint the following:

12 One Cent Large Collars.
6 Half Dollar Large Collars.
12 Nickel Large Collars.
12 Nickel Medium Collars.
12 Dime Medium Collars.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 5th, you are authorized to purchase from The Beck Duplicator Company, one No. 1424 Ironclad and Speedograph Duplicator, at $45.00, less 2% ten days; this item being listed in the General Schedule of Supplies 1930 as No. 18400 (d) (1) (bb).

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There has been forwarded to you today under separate cover via registered mail a package containing two fine silver bars, resulting from silver chloride weighing 38.60 and 22.25 ounces respectively.

In exchange, please furnish the Bureau the equivalent in inquartation silver, shot form.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 8, 1929.

Sir:

The Bureau has been instructed by the Secretary of the Treasury to send the following instructions to all of the institutions of the Mint Service:

"No further deposits of Mexican gold made by the Laredo National Bank of Laredo, Texas, or by the Union State Bank & Trust Company of Laredo, Texas, as owner, when accompanied by the warranties of title of those banks, are to be accepted except to the extent necessary in order to accept such gold as may have been purchased by them up to the date of receipt of the attached letters. This action is being taken for the reason that the Department has already accepted warranties of title from those two banks in an aggregate amount greatly exceeding the capital and surplus of each. However, the mints and assay offices may continue to accept from those two banks gold presented by them in behalf of the banks' regular customers who are merchants located within the United States and who have acquired the gold in payment for merchandise, providing it is accompanied by affidavits of ownership and warranties of title executed by the merchants and providing, also, the merchants are in fact the owners of the gold, thus following the procedure already established in connection with such deposits."

For your confidential information, I am inclosing a copy of the letter sent to the two banks above mentioned.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

P.S. You will be advised later of the date of receipt by the banks of the Secretary's letter.

OR

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COPY

October 7, 1929.

Laredo National Bank,
Laredo, Texas.

Union State Bank & Trust Company,
Laredo, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

I have been advised that according to the records of the Mint Service your bank, as owner, has presented to the Mints Mexican gold accompanied by warranties of title from your bank in an aggregate amount greatly in excess of your capital and surplus. The Treasury, therefore, already has accepted warranties of title in excess of your capital and surplus. Under the circumstances, the Treasury, for the time being at least, will be unable to accept Mexican gold covered by warranties of title from your bank, except to the extent necessary to receive deposits of such gold as already may have been purchased by you and which is in your hands or in transit when this letter is received. In the meantime, the matter has been taken up with the State Department and that Department, in turn, is taking the matter up with the Mexican Government with a view to working out a solution of the problem.

Instructions have today been given to the Mint Service that further deposits of Mexican gold presented by your bank as owner, accompanied by your warranties of title, are to be accepted only to the extent that it may be necessary to do so in order to take such Mexican gold as has already been purchased by your bank. However, the Department will continue to accept Mexican gold presented by your bank in behalf of regular customers of your bank who are merchants located within the United States and who have acquired the gold in payment for merchandise, providing affidavits of ownership and warranties of title executed by the merchants are furnished, and providing, also, that the merchants are in fact the owners of the gold, thus following the regular procedure established in connection with such deposits.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)
OGDEN L. MILLS,
Undersecretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Mr. Bauman L. Belden has asked permission to look over your old records covering the issue of life-saving medals.

Will you please allow Mr. Belden this privilege in order that he may obtain whatever information is at our disposal covering the issue of the medals in which he is interested?

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/9/13020, 8-29-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	$654.65
M/9/13226, 9-4-29, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky.	
$2,000 in cents }	
$20,000 in nickels}	228.62
M/9/13227, 9-3-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65
M/9/13349, 9-10-29, Philadelphia to Cincinnati, Ohio	
$5,000 in cents	115.43
M/9/13350, 9-9-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$20,000 in nickels	142.12
M/9/13351, 9-11-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

October 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 10th, you are authorized to purchase from G. F. Darrow & Company, one paint-spraying equipment complete, at a total cost of $161.22; this being the lower of two bids received of four bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 11th, you are authorized to purchase from Dreifus & Company, approximately 1,000 pounds of blanket pieces at 24¢ per pound; this being the lowest of three prices received on written quotations from two firms.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 60.70 ounces of inquartation proof silver, shot form, mentioned in your letter of October 10th. This Bureau appreciates your promptness in attending to this matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 15th relative to indelible ink pads, please be advised that your request has been forwarded, approved, to the Division of Supply, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1929

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1930.

Superintendent United States Mint Philadelphia Pa
" " " " Denver Colorado
" " " " San Francisco Calif
" " " Assay Office 32 Wall Street New York N Y
Assayer in Charge United States Mint New Orleans La

Referring letter October eighth accept deposits Mexican gold from Laredo National and Union State Bank of Laredo which have been purchased by banks up to October fourteenth STOP Wire this Bureau for instructions about accepting deposits which have been shipped from Laredo by two banks named after October fourteenth.

Grant
Director

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October 17, 1929.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telegram sent to you today, reading as follows:

> Referring letter October eighth accept deposits Mexican gold from Laredo National and Union State Bank of Laredo which have been purchased by banks up to October fourteenth STOP Wire this Bureau for instructions about accepting deposits which have been shipped from Laredo by two banks named after October fourteenth

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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October 19, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telephone communication of today, stating that the Secretary's Office had advised this Bureau that they would be inclined to instruct you "to wire the Union State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo asking whether or not the 12,000 pesos received from E. G. Lozano on October 14, 1929, were acquired by the bank prior to the receipt of the Treasury letter of October 7, 1929, and if the bank answers in the affirmative the gold should be accepted."

The Secretary's Office has also given this Bureau the following memorandum:

"In view of the fact that this gold was deposited on the day of the receipt of the letter from the Department and that the bank may not have had an opportunity to notify Lozano that no more gold would be accepted prior to the acceptance of this particular deposit, we ought to accept the gold eventually. However, I should be inclined to question the shipment so as to let the bank know that the Treasury meant what it said in its letter, and that we are going to question any deposits that may have been accepted by the bank after the receipt of the letter."

The papers inclosed with your letter of October 18th are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Ten Pairs of Half Dollar Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reference to the letter of the Laredo National Bank of Laredo, Texas, addressed to you under date of October 16, 1929, relative to Mexican gold coin shipment No. 654, the Bureau is today in receipt of the following instructions from the Undersecretary of the Treasury:

> "Will you please issue instructions to the Philadelphia Mint to accept the 27,000 Mexican gold pesos referred to in the attached correspondence when presented, assuming that it is accompanied by the warranty of title of the Mexican-American Commercial Banking Company and that the deposit is otherwise acceptable.
>
> (Signed) Ogden L. Mills".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1929.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Notice has been received from the General Accounting Office of suspension against voucher, your favor, for travel expenses June 11 to 30, 1929, asking for a copy of the letter of authorization for travel, and also for indication of the number of pieces of baggage for which station and hotel porterage was charged.

Will you please forward a copy of the letter of authorization for making the travel; also a signed statement, for forwarding to the General Accounting Office, as to the number of pieces of baggage for which station and hotel porterage was charged.

If similar information did not accompany your voucher covering reimbursement for the July travel, it might be well to forward at this time such information; presumably the General Accounting Office has not yet considered that voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bill of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., as follows:

M/9/13567 9/6/29 Memphis from Phila. $15,000 in nickels $325.19

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 23, 1929.

The Bristol Company,
Widener Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:

The Model 420 Pyrometer shipped by you on October 17th has been received here.

The resistance indicated on the face of this instrument is "Internal Resistance 229 ohms", which does not comply with the specification of 300 ohms asked.

To be acceptable, your instrument must be of at least 300 ohms resistance.

Please advise this Office immediately if you can supply an instrument to comply with the specification, as this equipment is being held awaiting your early reply.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 28th relative to ribbons for your addressograph machine, please be advised that your letter has been forwarded, approved, to the Division of Supply of the Treasury Department, with the request that the ribbons be sent directly to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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October 29, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 28th relative to the bond of Mr. James V. Russell, the records of the Department indicate that Mr. Russell is bonded in the sum of $2,000. This bond was approved November 14, 1927, and is with the American Surety Company of New York.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

OVP

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 29, 1929.

Honorable Freas Styer,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Styer:

Referring to our conversation with Mr. Eckfeldt in regard to his proposed resignation, it is understood that Mr. Eckfeldt's desire is to retire at the close of the current calendar year.

I am writing to ask if you will request Mr. Eckfeldt to send in his resignation in writing, effective December 31, 1929. This resignation is being requested at this time, in advance of its effective date, for the reason that I desire to acquaint the Secretary of the Treasury with the situation in Philadelphia in regard to this Presidential position. It would probably result in saving us some embarrassment if the date is fixed by Mr. Eckfeldt rather than have it advanced to an earlier date by some influence outside of the Mint.

I should like to be able to retain Mr. Eckfeldt in his position until the date agreed upon by him for his retirement, and think the records should be established to this effect, by having his written resignation as soon as possible.

Upon receipt of this written resignation from Mr. Eckfeldt, I propose to call the attention of the Secretary to Mr. Eckfeldt's distinguished service and to the traditions carried by him as a representative of a member of the original staff of the Mint at Philadelphia.

It may be possible that the Secretary will see fit to invite the President's attention to this record of service.

I should like to have Mr. Eckfeldt carry from the Mint a keen sense of the appreciation with which his unprecedented service is regarded.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

5 Obverse One Cent Dies
20 Reverse One Cent Dies

10 Pairs Nickel Dies

10 Obverse Dime Dies
15 Reverse Dime Dies

20 Pairs Quarter Dollar Dies

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint the following, on Government bill of lading:

Fifty pounds of lead free from silver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

October 31, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your letter of October 26th, submitting affidavits sent to you by the Laredo National Bank, covering 22,274.50 Mexican gold pesos, this Bureau is just in receipt of the following advice from the Secretary's Office in the matter:

"With reference to the affidavits covering 22,274.50 Mexican gold pesos shipped to the Philadelphia Mint by the Laredo National Bank, which were forwarded to the Department by the Acting Superintendent of the Mint under date of October 26, 1929, the affidavits are in proper form with the following exceptions:

1. Affidavits numbered 1 and 2, purporting to have been executed on behalf of Harry Hessel by Sam Gurwitz, should be executed by Harry Hessel if he is the owner of the store and if he is not they should be executed by whoever is the owner, or the authority of the person executing the affidavit should be clearly set forth and the warranty of title should be made on behalf of the owner.

2. Affidavits numbered 12, 13, 14, and 15, executed respectively by H. Salazar, A. Katz, C. Garza and John Richardson, contain the statements that the person signing is acting on behalf of himself and that he warrants title to the gold. Each of the affidavits should show that the person signing is authorized to act and is acting on behalf of the firm which is the owner of the gold, and that the firm warrants title to the gold.

3. Affidavit numbered 16 is not complete in that it is not stated on behalf of whom the person signing is acting, nor is it stated who is the person warranting title to the gold.

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I think it would be well for the Superintendent of the Mint to advise the Laredo National Bank that affidavits which are executed by a member of the firm should show that such person is acting on behalf of the firm, and that such firm warrants title to the gold. In this connection, the affidavits covering gold presented on behalf of Montgomery, Ward & Company have been passed, but in the future such affidavits should clearly show that they are executed by persons who are authorized to act on behalf of Montgomery, Ward & Company, and that the warranties of title are made by Montgomery, Ward & Company, and not by the individual signing the affidavit."

The papers sent here by you in this connection are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please find inclosed, for appropriate action, a copy of correspondence from the Department of State relative to a Chinese coin, and a photograph in this connection.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward sample of white envelope size 3½ X 6 to accompany your requisition for supplies, dated October 30, 1929.

There appears to be some confusion with regard to the carbon paper ordered on form 2162. The following appear under Item 1430 a, 2 and 3:

Carbon light weight, Master Spec No. 425, 8 X 10½, 6 boxes.

Carbon paper medium weight, 8 X 13, 1 box.

Carbon paper standard weight, No. 426, cap size, 8 X 12½, 30 boxes.

The fourth item appears to be a duplication of carbon paper 8 X 10½ or 8 X 12½, the quantity desired is not clearly stated; please explain.

Please forward a duplicate copy of your requisition on form 2162, for filing in this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

H-S

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November 2, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1930.

Salaries and Expenses $55,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 4th regarding a deposit of 20,000 Mexican gold pesos by the Corn Exchange National Bank of Philadelphia for the account of the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo, Texas, this Bureau is in receipt of the following advice from the Attorney in the Secretary's Office:

> "I should accept these, and have so indicated on letter of transmittal."

The affidavits inclosed with your letter are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Fifty ounces proof gold.
Fifty ounces proof silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc. as follows:

M/10/14160, 9-21-29, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.	
$10,000 in cents	$241.20
M/10/14159, 9-24-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, Ohio	
$5,000 in cents	99.90
M/10/14158, 9-12-29, Philadelphia to Detroit, Mich.	
$10,000 in cents	241.20
M/10/14157, 9-23-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.	
$25,000 in cents	654.65
M/10/14024, 9-18-29, Philadelphia to Cincinnati, Ohio	
$5,000 in cents	115.43
M/10/14025, 9-16-29, Philadelphia to Richmond, Va.	
$5,000 in cents	74.03

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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November 6, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of September.

Voucher No. 174 in favor of S. C. B. Industrial Company, and attached papers, are herewith enclosed for correction and return. According to the proposal and purchase order, six milling saws were quoted on and ordered, whereas the dealer billed seven and payment was made for seven, although the quantity given on the voucher is six.

Voucher No. 187 in favor of Burroughs Adding Machine Company, is herewith returned for certification in the name of the company.

Voucher No. 191 in favor of the Philadelphia Gas Works Co. ~~is herewith returned.~~ According to the records of the Bureau the previous reading of gas meter No. 534428 was 38282 hundred cubic feet instead of 38252 hundred cubic feet as shown on bill attached to the voucher, making an apparent overcharge for 30 hundred cubic feet at 65¢ per thousand cubic feet, or $1.95.

No contract number is noted on voucher No. 9, Minor Coinage Metal Fund account; presumably it should be T2m-116; please advise whether this is correct.

Memorandum copy of voucher No. 230 is herewith returned for your files.

Deposit No. 1.656 is described on the assay report as white gold, with no extra charge made therefor; apparently an extra charge of $1.00 should have been imposed.

The deposit certificates and assay reports received through the mail are generally stuck together, apparently caused by the glue seeping through the ends of the packages at the time they are wrapped.

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The names of the two employees concerned with preparation of bullion deposit certificates seem to be increasingly encroaching on the space provided for depositors' receipts, with the possibility of their being confused with required signatures of depositors or their representatives, by persons unfamilar with the papers.

The separate abstract of mutilated minor coin purchases would seem to be superfluous since those purchases are included on the schedule of disbursements covering purchase of minor coinage metal.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-F-S
Encls.

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November 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation of today with Mr. Chaffin, please send six bronze medals of Secretary Mellon via insured parcel post to:

Mr. M. M. Vipond,
Assistant Collector of Customs,
Custom House,
Norfolk, Virginia.

You will find inclosed check for $6.50 in payment therefor.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 4th relative to gold shipment #657 containing 37,489.50 Mexican gold pesos received from the Laredo National Bank, this Bureau is just in receipt of the following advice from the Attorney in the Secretary's Office:

"I should reject the following affidavits in the attached submission dated November 4, 1929, from the Philadelphia Mint, and accept all of the other affidavits:

Nos. 9, 30, 31, 56, and 50, signed by the Cashier of Leon Daiches, Casso Guerra Co., S. W. Bell Telephone Co., and the James Moore Co.

No. 39, executed by Joe H. Jordan as clerk of the Hamilton Hotel.

Nos. 44, 49, and 55, signed by the manager of Harry Hassell's Store, G. A. Stowers Furniture Co., and Moore Bros. Motor Co.

No. 48, executed by the auditor of the Laredo Bridge Co.

If the firms in whose behalf the affidavits have been executed are incorporated, that fact should be shown in the affidavits, and the affidavits should be executed by officers thereof, who should certify in the affidavits that they have been authorized to execute the warranty of title. If, on the other hand, the firms are unincorporated (that is, private individuals doing business under a trade name, or partnership), the affidavits should be executed by the sole owner or by one of the partners, who should sign as "Sole Owner", or "Member of the Firm", as the case may be."

All of the papers submitted with your letter of November 4th are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, and for the reasons stated by you, this letter will be your authority to purchase electrolytic copper as follows:

150,000 pounds from Metals Sales Company,
at $0.1805 per pound.

150,000 pounds from American Smelting and
Refining Company,
at $0.1805 per pound.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 8, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 7th, you are authorized to order from Fairbanks, Morse & Co., the necessary parts for making the requisite changes in the 4,000 pound Kron scale in your Makeup Room, at a cost of $335.00 less 2%; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In comparing your report on form 61-A, of deposits and purchases of gold and silver, for the quarter ended September 30, 1929, with the accounts for the same period, it is found that in the column "Silver - ounces" the domestic coin from Treasury should be 10 ounces less than shown; this involves an increase of 10 ounces in some one of the items above, presumably either in the Michigan item or in the item of jewelers' bars, etc. Please advise where the correction should be made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

November 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 8th, you are authorized to purchase from Nathan Trotter & Company the following for your minor coinage:

12,600 pounds of electrolytic zinc, at $0.077 per pound; this being the lowest of four bids received.

3,000 pounds of pig tin, at 40-5/8 cents per pound; this being the lower of two bids received of three asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OA

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November 11, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the Denver Mint the following:

Twenty reverse one-cent dies.
Five obverse one-cent dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your request of the 13th I am forwarding herewith copy of Bill of Lading No. 57413, made from the yellow copy in this office. Presumably both the original and one yellow copy were forwarded to the Denver Mint from here.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

November 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, please be advised that the President has approved the designs for his medal.

Will you please instruct the Engraver to proceed with the preparation of this medal as rapidly as possible?

The plaster model was returned to you today via express on Government bill of lading.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send as soon as possible to the Denver Mint the following:

Five Obverse Half Dollar Dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This office has received from the General Accounting Office settlement No. 02166646 dated November 6, 1929, Merck & Co., in the amount of $45.00, chargeable to the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929, which amount was erroneously deducted from voucher No. 191 of your October 1928 accounts to cover nine carboys returned to Merck & Co., the amount having already been collected and covered into the Treasury in June, 1928.

The amount in question represents balance due on 1000 pounds of cream of tartar furnished your institution by the above mentioned company under order No. 136 dated September 20, 1928, for which the above numbered voucher, with the erroneous deduction thereon, was in payment.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-F-S

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, November 19, 1929.

TEN SEPARATE TELEGRAMS

Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colo.
Superintendent, United States Assay Office, 52 Wall St., New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, La.
Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, Carson, Nevada.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

Half staff flags from now until Friday noon account death Secretary Good

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—4205 This appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123 A.

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November 21, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 20th, you are authorized to sell approximately 7,019 avoirdupois pounds of M. & R. Department sweeps to Lees & Sanders, Ltd., of Birmingham, England, whose bid of $1,256.00 is the higher of two received of seven asked.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., as follows:

M/10/14949, 10-1-29, Philadelphia to Richmond, Va.,
$10,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $148.05
M/10/14808, 10-5-29, Philadelphia to Cincinnati, O.,
$5,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 115.43
M/10/15163, 10-9-29, Philadelphia to Cleveland, O.
$5,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 99.90
M/10/15067, 10-17-29 Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.,
$25,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 654.65
M/10/14484, 10-1-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.,
$25,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 654.65
M/10/14656, 9-28-29, Philadelphia to Louisville, Ky.,
$20,000 in nickels - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 177.64
M/10/14657, 9-17-29, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn.,
$15,000 in Nickels - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 164.92
M/10/14658, 9-27-29, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn.,
$13,000 in nickels and cents - - - - - - - - - - - 261.00
M/10/14659, 10-5-29, Philadelphia to Memphis, Tenn.,
$10,000 in nickels - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 109.91
M/11/15301, 10-23-29, Philadelphia to Chicago, Ill.,
$25,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 654.65
M/11/15302, 10-3-29, Philadelphia to New York,
$50,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 420.00
M/11/15303, 10-7-29, Philadelphia to New York,
$50,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 420.00
M/11/15369, 10-8-29, Philadelphia to Detroit,
$10,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 241.20
M/11/15445, 10-17-29, Philadelphia to Cincinnati,
$5,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 115.43
M/11/15442, 10-26-29, Philadelphia to Charlotte, N.C.,
$5,000 in cents - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 103.35

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-S

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November 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your request of November 21st to increase the number of Melter's Deposit Cards, ordered October 17th, has been received and the Printing Section has been requested to comply with your wishes. In the meantime I am sending you by mail 250 cards pending the supply from the printer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

H-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of today, please send as soon as possible to the San Francisco Mint the following:

Ten pairs nickel dies.

Fifteen pairs one cent dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There is inclosed a letter received today from the Department of Commerce.

This letter is a request for an informal quotation for the manufacture of the following coins for the Government of Greece:

20,000,000 one drachma
20,000,000 fifty lepta
7,500,000 ten drachmas
11,500,000 twenty drachmas

It is understood that the master dies will be furnished to the Mint.

The composition of the 1-drachma and 50-lepta coins is to be 75% copper and 25% nickel. The tolerance in the alloy is to be plus or minus 1/2. The diameter of the 1-drachma is to be 23 mm, and the weight, 5 grams. The diameter of the 50-lepta is to be 18 mm, and the weight, 3 grams. Tolerance for the weight, plus or minus 1%.

The composition of the 10-drachmas and 20-drachmas coins is to be 500 parts silver and 500 parts copper, nickel and zinc, OR 900 parts silver and 100 parts copper. (This quotation should be submitted in the alternative). The diameter of the 10-drachmas is to be 25 mm, and the weight, 6 grams. The diameter of the 20-drachmas is to be 28.5mm, and the weight, 12 grams. Tolerance as to fineness: 5/1000 above legal silver content, and 10/1000 for each of the other metals in the alloy. Tolerance as to weight, plus or minus 1% per total weight of each coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish this Bureau with a transcript of the record of Mr. Bernard J. McCoy Jr., whose appointment as a Temporary Helper at $4.50 per diem was approved on March 26, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 25th concerning the wording of the certification on some of the dealers' bills received by you, wherein the word "true" is used instead of the word "just", it is suggested that unless the General Accounting Office objects to the wording, you accept same. While the substitution of the word "true" evidently gives a somewhat different meaning to the certification than when the word "just" is used, and is rather in the nature of a repetition of the meaning of the word "correct", it would seem that the matter is not of sufficient consequence to warrant our insistence upon the exact prescribed wording in every instance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

OR

November 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 25th, you are authorized to purchase from John Blakeley & Son approximately 2,000 pounds of white rags at $0.1050 per pound, less 1% 10 days; this being the lower of two bids received of three asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 23rd relative to freight charges on an invoice of laundry soap from Armour & Company.

Armour & Company's Agency in Washington notified this Bureau that they were holding a requisition for soap from you and asked to have a bill of lading sent. Government Bill of Lading No. T25723 was sent to Armour & Company at their Washington address. It now appears from your letter that the soap was shipped to you from Chicago on that bill of lading.

If the bill of lading covers shipment from Chicago, it should be accomplished and the charges paid by the Government in the usual manner, with deduction from Armour's bill of freight equivalent from Chicago to Washington.

If the bill of lading does not cover shipment from Chicago, it should be cancelled and deduction made on Armour's bill for the amount by which the freight from Chicago to Philadelphia is less than the freight from Chicago to Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

DR

RG104 E-235 Vol 485

November 27, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 26th, you are authorized to have the Emil Schaefer Company recover two tumbling barrels with monel sheet, at a cost of $69.00 each; this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 30, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning the affidavits forwarded with your letter of November 26, 1929, with the advice that the pesos which they represent may be accepted.

The Bureau is transcribing for your information, and for appropriate action by you, a copy of a note received from the attorney of the Secretary's Office in regard to such deposits from the Bank indicated:-

"I note that the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company is beginning to send in various large deposits of Mexican gold. Also, the Mexican-American Commercial and Banking Company seems to have been sending in quite a large amount of gold. I wonder if it would not be possible to keep a record of the gold deposits made under warranty of title from those two institutions, with the idea of refusing to accept further gold deposits from them when their capital and surplus has been exceeded. It is possible that the Philadelphia Mint may be able to check back the deposits made by the Mexican-American Commercial and Banking Company particularly, since that bank has been making rather large deposits over a long period of time."

Respectfully,

A. J. Graves

Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1929.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning the affidavits forwarded with your letter of November 25, 1929, and this letter will be authority for you to accept the deposit represented by them amounting to 20,000 pesos. It is understood that the 20,000 pesos are made up of 16,942 pesos which the Union State Bank and Trust Company covers by affidavits from customers, together with 3,058 pesos which the Bank states they received from local merchants over their counter, in amounts of less than 100 pesos.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

Director of the Mint.

JR

December 3, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of November 30th I am forwarding herewith salary tables for rates of pay, $5.00 per diem and $2,160.00 per annum.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1929.

To All Mint Service Institutions.

Gentlemen:

Please forward at the earliest practicable date the usual annual preliminary estimates of receipts of gold and silver bullion, on form 61, consisting of actual receipts for eleven months of the year and estimated receipts for December.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from the Laredo National Bank addressed to you under date of November 26, 1929, and returned to you, inclosed, the Attorney in the Secretary's Office has just sent to the Bureau the following memorandum which will be your guide in handling this deposit:

"I am returning herewith letter from the Laredo National Bank dated November 26, 1929, concerning certain gold deposits made by merchants of Mexico, which gold was accepted by the tellers of the Laredo National Bank through a misunderstanding of our requirements.

I do not think we ought to be too strict in this situation. The bank seems to have right spirit, and I should be inclined to accept the gold, if accompanied by the affidavits and warranty of title referred to in paragraph 3 of the letter. If you agree, I presume you will attend to the matter of notifying the Philadelphia Bank as well as the bank."

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 29th, inclosing affidavits covering shipment No. 659 of the Laredo National Bank, representing 76,003 Mexican gold pesos, the Bureau has just received the following memorandum from the Attorney in the Secretary's Office:

"I think that the affidavits enclosed with the memorandum from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint are in acceptable form.

A few days ago I suggested that we might inquire into the amounts being received from the Mexican-American Commercial and Banking Company. The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has already looked into this question, the result thereof being contained in his memorandum of November 29. For the time being, it does not appear that we have received a sufficient quantity to justify rejecting deposits made under warranty of title from that company."

The papers accompanying your letter of November 29th are returned to you, inclosed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1929.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the inclosed correspondence from the United States Civil Service Commission, the record of this Bureau indicate that Mr. Henry B. Shuman was born on January 2, 1865.

It will be necessary to establish correct records to the satisfaction of the Commission as promptly as possible in order that appropriate action may be taken on Mr. Shuman's application for continuance in the service.

With your reply, will you please return the inclosures?

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR